

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Normal Public Library
February 18, 2026**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal Public Library was held in Board Room 018, Normal Public Library, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The meeting convened at 6:01 pm, President Beth Robb, presiding.

Members Present: Beth Robb, President, Katelyn Trunnel, Vice-president, Erin Ripley-Gataric, Secretary, Lynda Lane Treasurer, Terry Lindberg, Susan Lash, David Sye

Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: John Fischer, Library Director, Jennifer Williams

NPL Foundation Liaison: None

Town of Normal Staff Present: None

Community Members Present: None

1. **Review of the Agenda:** No changes; addition of Expenditures to packet.
2. **President's Report:** Ms. Robb attended Unit 5 luncheon fundraiser and spoke to Sen. Koehler and Rep. Chung and staff.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**

Foundation: Excellent fundraising presentation and discussion by Dani Schroeder from Illinois Wesleyan fundraising. Discussion on donor motivation, interviewing, donor advised funds, appreciated assets, and endowed funds.

Foundation will plan an independent summer retreat.

Library Advocacy: See President's Report

Library Planning: No recent activity

5. **Library Director's Report:** Mr. Fischer presented the items in his report.

6. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- A. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2025**
- B. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2026**
- C. **Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$188,937.19 for two payrolls, and \$85,268.76 for expenditures as of February 13, 2026.**

Ms. Lane moved to approve the Omnibus Vote agenda, Ms. Lash seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

1. Beth Robb: Yes
2. Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

3. Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes
4. Lynda Lane: Yes
5. Terry Lindberg: Yes
6. Susan Lash: Yes
7. David Sye: Yes

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

No items were removed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Closing the Library on Friday, May 15, 2026 for Staff Development

Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the closure of Normal Public Library on Friday, May 15th, 2026 for the purpose of Staff Development. Mr. Sye seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes

Lynda Lane: Yes

Terry Lindberg: Yes

Susan Lash: Yes

David Sye: Yes

B. 2025 Annual Report Presentation

C. Brief Presentation: Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification

D. Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] Personnel

Ms. Trunell motioned to enter executive session. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes

Lynda Lane: Yes

Terry Lindberg: Yes

Susan Lash: Yes

David Sye: Yes

The Board of Trustees entered executive session at 6:37 pm.

The Board of Trustees exited executive session and resumed public meeting at 6:50 pm.

Roll call:

Beth Robb: Present

Katelyn Trunnell: Present

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Present

Lynda Lane: Present

Terry Lindberg: Present

Susan Lash: Present

David Sye: Present

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

10. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

A. Executive session [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] Personnel

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

A. Mr. Sye may be late to the March 2026 meeting.

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2026

Adjournment

Ms. Lane motioned to adjourn the meeting , Ms. Lash seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Secretary

Date