

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Normal Public Library
May 21, 2025**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal Public Library was held in Executive Board Room 417, City Hall, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The meeting convened at 6:01 pm, President Beth Robb, presiding.

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

Members Absent:

Town of Normal Staff Present: Britni Williams, Deputy Town of Normal

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

Community Members Present: None

1. **Swearing in of New Trustees:** Susan Lash, Erin Ripley-Gataric, Katelyn Trunnell
2. **Review of the Agenda:** No corrections or additions
3. **President's Report:** Ms. Robb and NPL administration met with Jason Barickman regarding future library planning. Ms. Robb, Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Fischer also met with Darin LaHood's staff to express concerns regarding IMLS funding.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**
Foundation: Ms. Lane reported Jason Shirley has taken a new position. There are currently four vacant Foundation board seats. Currently planning a fundraiser for later this year.

Library Advocacy: See President's Report.

Library Planning: See President's Report.

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

7. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- A. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2025.**
- B. **Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$285,283.39 for three payrolls, and \$663,460.15 for expenditures as of May 14, 2025.**
- C. **Approval of the 2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report**

Ms. Lane moved to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Ms. Ripley-Gataric seconded.

Motion passed 6-0

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

No items were removed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers (Action)

Mr. Lindberg motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented, Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion approved 6-0.

B. Approval of June Regular Meeting Date (Action)

Ms. Lane motioned to approve the June 18th, 2025 meeting date. Ms. Trunnell seconded.

Motion approved 6-0.

C. Introduction of New Trustee

D. Review Partial Requirements of Per Capita Grant (Discussion)

E. Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)] Library Trustee Vacancy

Executive session was rescheduled for next month.

F. Library Trustee Appointment (Action)

Postponed until next month.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Abatement and Renovation Project Update (Discussion)

11. Suggested items for the Next Agenda

A. Library Trustee Candidate Interviews, Executive Session, and Vote

12. Board Comments and Concerns

13. Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

14. Adjournment

Ms. Lane motioned to adjourn. Ms. Ripley-Gataric seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Secretary

Date