

## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

### **Normal Public Library**

**November 19, 2025**

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Normal Public Library was held in Board Room 018, Normal Public Library, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The meeting convened at 6:02 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 corrections or additions
2. **President's Report:** Ms. Robb reported on the November 17, 2025 Town Council meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**

**Foundation:** Ms. Ripley-Gataric attended last week's Foundation board meeting. Treasurer duties are being revised and transferred, and two new board members were added. Current projects include creating a Foundation logo, mailers, and creating same-domain email accounts for easier coordination. An upcoming joint retreat with the Trustees was also discussed. Professional photos may be scheduled in January.

**Library Advocacy:** Ms. Lash, Ms. Robb, Mr. Lindberg, Ms. Ripley-Gataric, Mr. Fischer, and several staff attended the Illinois Library Association Library Legislative Meetup this morning. Mr. Fischer delivered an excellent presentation regarding digital content prices and their impact on libraries.

**Library Planning:** Next meeting with Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Smith planned for Friday, December 12, 2025.

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 October 15, 2025.**

**B. Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$193,259.36 for two payrolls, and \$145,785.88 for expenditures as of November 14, 2025.**

Ms. Lane moved to approve the Omnibus Vote agenda, Mr. Sye 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. Approval of Release of all property damage claims, Southern Company Gas(motion)  
Ms. Lane moved to approve the Release of all property damage claims with Southern Company Gas,  
Ms. Trunnell seconded.

*After discussion, motion was withdrawn. Mr. Fischer will consult Town of Normal legal and provide an update to the Trustees at the December, 2025 meeting.*

- B. Review Partial Requirements of Per Capita Grant (Discussion)

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. None

**10. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- A. None

**11. Board Comments and Concerns**

- A. Ms. Trunnell will not be present at the December, 2025 meeting.
- B. Mr. Lindberg complimented Mr. Fischer's presentation this morning.

**12. Next Meeting Date:** December 17, 2025

**13. Adjournment**

Ms. Lane motioned to adjourn the meeting , Ms. Lash seconded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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Secretary

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Date