

ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Annual Meeting
July 28, 2025
Boardroom, Main Library
215 N. Wyman St.
Meeting Minutes

A quorum being present President Logli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Paul Logli, Molly Brauns, Janet Moore, Cesar Sanchez, Henrietta Dotson-Williams

Members Absent: Dennis Horton, Jamie Getchius, Colleen O'Brien

Others present: Board Attorney John Rearden, Jean and Ken Lythgoe

Staff present: Lynn Stainbrook, Anne O'Keefe, Anthony Cortez, Erin Stachowiak, Dajana Glisic, Brook Loomis, Bridget Finn, Andrew Fischer, D'awnna Mims, Noel Devine

Public Speakers

None

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meetings were presented to the Board. Hearing no objections from the Trustees, the minutes were approved. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings was made by Molly Brauns and Seconded by Janet Moore. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report

1. Monthly Financial Statements: Monthly Financial Statements: Director of Finance, Anthony Cortez presented the Financial Statement to the Board for the month ending June 30, 2025. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.

2. Reports

A. Officer Reports:

Vice President Molly Brauns-No Report

Secretary Jamie Getchius-Not Present

President Paul Logli-No Report

B. Rockford Public Library Foundation Liaison Report- Trustee Janet Moore had no current updates for the Board.

Committees

1. Financial Planning and Properties Committee

a. Approve Changes to Policy 6.8 Fundraising and Development [action]

Paul Logli introduced the policy to the Board. By unanimous voice vote the changes to Policy 6.4 were approved.

b. Approve Purchase of Second Mobile Library [action]

Paul Logli asked the Board to approve the pass through of funds from the Foundation to RPL for the purchase of a second mobile library. By unanimous Roll Call vote, the Board approved the passthrough of funds.

c. Approve changes to Credit Card Purchasing Policy 6.7 [action] Paul Logli introduced the amended policy to the Board. By Unanimous voice vote the changes were approved.

2. Policies and Services Committee

- a. Reaffirm Board Policy 4.2 Reconsideration of Library Materials [Action]:
- b. Reaffirm Board Policy 4.2a Request for Reconsideration Form [action]:
- c. Reaffirm Board Policy 4.3 Intellectual Freedom [action]:
- d. Reaffirm Board Policy 4.4 Research and Advisory Services [action]:
- e. Reaffirm Board Policy 4.5 Event and Class Course Guide [action]:

Molly Brauns presented the policies to the Board for affirmation. No changes were made to the policies. By unanimous Voice Vote, the policies were reaffirmed.

- 3. Staff Reports-** Anthony Cortez introduced Andrew Fischer, the new Director of Technology, to the Board. Lynn Stainbrook provided the Board with a copy of RPL Librarian Jawaun Walters article that was published in the ILA Magazine.

4. Unfinished Business-none

5. New Business:

a. Election of Officers

Janet Moore presented the nominating slate to the Trustees:

President-Jamie Getchius

Vice President -Molly Brauns

Secretary- Paul Logli

There were no nominations from the floor.

By a unanimous Roll Call vote the proposed slate was approved.

b. Appoint Board Members to review closed session minutes: Director Stainbrook informed the Board that closed minutes need to be approved and be made public or remain closed based on a review committee. Paul Logli, as the newly elected Board Secretary, volunteered to take on the task.

c. Development Director Brook Loomis presented a lease agreement, created by Attorney John Rearden regarding the acceptance and installation of the ROCKFORD sign from GoRockford-John Groh. The trustees discussed the proposed agreement, location, timeline, cost, moving expenses and mockup of the proposed sign location. After Board discussion, Paul Logli tabled the item for consideration and moved the item to the agenda for the next Financial Planning & Properties Committee meeting on August 25, 2025.

Board Proclamation: Paul Logli invited Jean Lythgoe, former RPL employee, to join him. A board proclamation was read to Jean in recognition and appreciation of her 60yrs. of service at the Rockford Public Library and Local History Department. Jean thanked the Board of Trustees and stated, "It was always a pleasure to find the answer."

With nothing further business before the Board, President Logli adjourned the meeting at 6:41p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library Main Branch

Mary Pat Muzzarelli
Recorder