

ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 22, 2025
Boardroom, Main Library
215 N. Wyman St.
Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Jamie Getchius, Paul Logli, Molly Brauns, Henrietta Dotson-Williams, Cesar Sanchez, Colleen O'Brien, Dennis Horton, Janet Moore
Others present: Board Attorney John Rearden
Staff present: Anthony Cortez, Anne O'Keefe, Erin Stachowiak, Brook Loomis, Andrew Fischer,

Public Speakers

None

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meetings were presented to the Board. Hearing no objections from the Trustees, the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

1. Monthly Financial Statements: Executive Director Cortez presented the Financial Statements to the Board for the month ending August 31, 2025. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.

2. Reports

A. Officer Reports:

Vice President Molly Brauns-VP Brauns shared her concern for those who were present when a drowning occurred behind the Library earlier in the month.

Finance Chair Paul Logli-Mr. Logli reported on his attendance at a Celebration of Life that took place in the Terrace event space. The event honored a former RPL employee, Dorothy Little, whose family donated to the RPL Foundation in her memory.

President Jamie Getchius-President Getchius encouraged all the Trustees to make a report before the Board during this time of the meeting moving forward. Many Trustees took the opportunity to thank the staff and share their recent RPL experiences.

B. Rockford Public Library Foundation Liaison Report- Development Director Brook Loomis presented the invitation and details for the AOHS event in October and RPL's participation in Fall Art Scene with the Brett Whitacre exhibit at Main. In addition, Loomis reported on the furnishings that have been placed on the second-floor veranda, and plans for Stroll on State. Discussion followed.

Committees

1. Financial Planning and Properties Committee

a. Approve Changes to the 2025 Fee Schedule [action]: Finance Chair Paul Logli presented the updated Fee Schedule to the Board. Discussion followed. By unanimous Roll Call Vote, the motion was approved.

b. Approve 2026 Rockford Public Library Budget [action]: Finance Chair Paul Logli presented the budget video and memo to the Trustees. Discussion followed. By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the 2026 Budget passed.

c. Approve Prime Contract Change Order #37: Change Orders Final [action]:
Finance Chair Paul Logli presented the final change order for the Construction of the New Main Library, essentially ending the contractual agreement and building process with Scandroli construction company. Discussion followed. By a unanimous Roll Call vote, the Final Change Order was approved.

2. Policies and Services Committee

a. Approve Changes to Policy 5.6 Code of Conduct [action]:
VP Molly Brauns presented the proposed policy up for passage. With a unanimous Voice Vote, the policy changes were approved.

b. Approve Changes to Policy 5.1 Meeting Rooms Appendix [action]:
VP Molly Brauns presented the proposed policy up for passage. With a unanimous Voice Vote, the policy was approved.

3. Staff Reports- Director Cortez encouraged the Board to read the staff reports. He also shared information regarding a bible RPL has in the Local History collection from 1400. Spirited discussion followed.

4. Unfinished Business-none

5. New Business-none

With no further business before the Board, President Getchius adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library Main Branch

Mary Pat Muzzarelli
Recorder