

ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 26, 2026
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, Henrietta Dotson-Williams, Janet Moore, Michael Laskonis, Dennis Horton, Colleen O'Brien, Cesar Sanchez, and Paul Logli

Members Absent: Molly Brauns

Others present:

Staff present: Anthony Cortez, Bridget Finn, Andrew Fischer, Brook Loomis, Anne O'Keefe, Erin Stachowiak

Public Speakers

None

Minutes

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

Financial Report

1. **Monthly Financial Statements:** Executive Director Anthony Cortez presented the Financial Statements to the Board for the month ending December 31, 2025. Finance Chair Logli shared his appreciation to the RPL staff for their fiscal responsibility. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.
2. **Board Member Reports** - President Getchius commented on the current exhibit located in the 3rd floor gallery. He also expressed his appreciation for Trustees Brauns and Logli who aided in the search for a new RPL Board Attorney.
3. **Rockford Public Library Foundation Liaison Report-** Trustee Janet Moore shared current fundraising figures with the Board. Brook Loomis talked to the Trustees regarding a makeup event for the Dicken's Event that is planned to take place on July 4th.

3. Committees

1. Financial Planning and Properties Committee

- a. Approve Cyber Security Contract [action]: Finance Chair Logli submitted the Cyber Security contract to the Board. Discussion followed. President Getchius called for a vote to approve the bid with Illumination Consulting Ltd. By unanimous roll call vote the contract was approved.

2. Policies and Services Committee

- a. Reaffirm Policy 1.2 Mission Statement [action]: Director Cortez introduced the policy for reaffirmation as part of the Strategic Planning Process. No changes will be made until after the Strategic Plan Process. By Unanimous Voice Vote, the policy was reaffirmed.
- b. Reaffirm Policy 1.3 Vision Statement [action]: By Unanimous Voice Vote, the policy was reaffirmed.

- c. Reaffirm Policy 1.4 Guiding Principles [action]: By Unanimous Voice Vote, the policy was reaffirmed.
- d. Approve Changes to Policy 5.7 Safe Child [action]: Director Cortez presented a written policy that defines age limits for various areas in the library. By a unanimous voice vote the policy changes were approved.

4. Staff Reports - Executive Director Cortez encouraged the Board to read the staff reports.

5. Unfinished Business - President Getchius asked for a motion to go into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel.

- a. A motion to go into closed session was made by Dennis Horton and seconded by Janet Moore. A roll call vote was taken. The trustees moved to closed session at 6:24 p.m.

At 6:31pm the trustees, with a motion from Cesar Sanchez and a second from Paul Logli, the Board moved out of closed session. No action was taken.

- b. Back in open session President Getchius called for a motion to approve the designation of AGHL as the attorney of record for Rockford Public Library. A motion was made by Colleen O'Brien, seconded by Janet Moore. By a unanimous Roll Call vote the motion passed.

6. New Business- Director Cortez gave the Trustees the Strategic Planning booklet. Trustee Logli also inquired about the How Are We Doing Cards and what follow up is provided to the library customer. Discussion followed.

With no further business before the Board, President Getchius adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library Main Branch

Mary Pat Muzzarelli
Recorder