

ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 23, 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, Michael Laskonis, Colleen O'Brien, Paul Logli, Molly Brauns. Members present via TEAMS: Janet Moore and Dennis Horton

Members Absent: Cesar Sanchez

Others present: Board Attorney Eileen Caver

Staff present: Anthony Cortez, Bridget Finn, Andrew Fischer, Anne O'Keefe, Erin Stachowiak, Dajana Glisic, Mary Pat Muzzarelli

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:** Director of Finance Dajana Glisic presented Financial Statements to the Board for the month ending January 31, 2026. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.
2. **Board Member Reports**
President Getchius shared his appreciation for the RPL Chess Club taking place at the Main Branch and the wonderful job Librarian Clei Johnson is doing with the event.
Executive Director Anthony Cortez shared information regarding, "African Americans in Early Rockford" a book written by Dr. John Molyneaux. The book was edited by RPL Librarian Sarah Stumpf and printed locally. More than 100 guests attended the book signing and discussion at the RPL Nordlof Center.
3. **Rockford Public Library Foundation Liaison Report-** No Report.
3. **Committees**
 1. **Financial Planning and Properties Committee-No Action Items**
 2. **Policies and Services Committee**
 - a. Approve Policy 7.5 Progressive Discipline [action]: Vice President Molly Brauns introduced the policy for approval. By Unanimous Voice Vote, the changes to the policy were approved.
4. **Staff Reports-** Executive Director Cortez encouraged the Board to read the staff reports.
5. **Unfinished Business- None**
6. **New Business- None**

With no further business before the Board, President Getchius adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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

Mary Pat Muzzarelli
Recorder