

ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 22, 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, Paul Logli, Michael Laskonis, Henrietta Dotson-Williams, Molly Brauns, Cesar Sanchez, Janet Moore

Members Absent: Dennis Horton, Colleen O'Brien

Others present: Board Attorney Eileen Caver, Lafa Reuter, Winnebago County Chair Joe Chiarelli, Mayor Tom Mcnamara, Mike Williams, Dennis Dotson

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

Public Speakers

None

At this point in the meeting Jamie Getchius announced the Retirement of Trustee Henrietta Dotson- Williams and introduced Winnebago County Chairperson Joe Chiarelli. The Chairperson read a proclamation including the many roles Henrietta has held in Winnebago County and claim Monday, June 22nd as Henrietta Dotson-Williams Day. This honor will be included in the History of Winnebago County.

Mayor Tom McNamara then came forward to honor Henrietta, thanking her for her service to the Library and to the citizens of the City of Rockford and County of Winnebago for 55 years. The Mayor then read a proclamation announcing Henrietta's contributions to the community. In addition, the Mayor proclaimed June 22, 2026, as Henrietta Dotson-Willimas Day in the City of Rockford.

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 May 2026. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.
- 2. Board Member Reports-** Vice-President Brauns spoke to the Trustees about the recent AOHS graduation ceremony held at the Coronado. Over 600 people attended the graduation with 81 graduates. She congratulated the ceremony participants and staff on a job well done.
- 3. Committees:** No reports from the Financial Planning & Properties Committee. No report for the Policies & Services Committee.

Secretary Paul Logli reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee:
The slate to be presented to the Trustees for a vote at the Annual Meeting on July 27th will be as follows:

President-Jamie Getchius

Vice President- Molly Brauns

Secretary- Paul Logli

4. Staff Reports: Executive Director Cortez encouraged the Trustees to read the Staff Reports.

5. Unfinished Business: None was taken

6. New Business:

President Getchius read a proclamation from the RPL Board of Trustees to Henrietta, listing her many accomplishments and services to the Rockford Community and the Rockford Public Library. Henrietta expressed her gratitude to the Mayor for appointing her to the Library Board and expressed her appreciation to all the Trustees she has worked with.

With no further business before the Board, President Getchius adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library Main Branch. Dinner to follow.

Mary Pat Muzzarelli
Recorder