Bloomington Public Library
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MINUTES

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:32 PM, April 15, 2025. President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Alok Hoonka	Trustee	Present
Ashlee Sang	Trustee	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Present
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present
Catrina Parker	President	Present
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Absent
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Absent

Staff present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public
There were no members of the public present.

Public Comment
There were no public comments.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report
President Parker is excited to get the bookmobile birthday sticker. She recommends visiting the bookmobile to anyone who hasn't yet been on board to see what an amazing asset it is for the library.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report
Director Hamilton distributed stickers celebrating the current bookmobile's tenth birthday. The library has had a bookmobile since the 1930's, and at that time it was more of a wagon. She shared that the BPL On the Go vehicle was acquired at the end of March and is currently at Mickey's Truck Bodies getting upfitted. The plan is to put the vehicle into use this summer for existing services and add new services starting in the fall. Coming up, the library will put

together a time capsule. Staff opened a previous time capsule during construction and will be taking suggestions this summer for what to include in the new one. The Director gave an update on a Request for Reconsideration that the library processed. This request led the Board to update the Collection Development Selection policy, and the patron was very thankful for the thoughtful consideration of their request. The book in question was reclassified to another Dewey number for greater clarity.

Director Hamilton submitted the application for the Illinois Digital Equity Capacity Grant on behalf of the 14 McLean County libraries. She is hopeful that the grant will be awarded and expects to hear results by July. Lastly, the Director shared that Colleen Shaw moved into the Assistant Director position effective March 31. The former Assistant Manager of Circulation and Outreach Services moved into Colleen's previous position of Circulation and Outreach Services Manager. The library is currently looking to fill the vacated Assistant Circulation and Outreach Services Manager position.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report
Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is in the packet and entertained questions.

Consent Agenda
Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 6.A. Approve Minutes of 3/18/25: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of $540,685.99

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee Zeck, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 7-0).

Executive Session - Performance and Compensation of a Specific Employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sang, to go into Executive Session to discuss performance and compensation of a specific employee.

AYES: Trustee Parker; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Sang; Trustee Hoonka

Motion carried.

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to resume regular session.

AYES: Trustee Parker; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Sang; Trustee Hoonka

Motion carried.
President Parker stated that no action took place during Executive Session.

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Approve Director Merit Increase for FY26

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve a merit increase of 5 percent for FY26.

AYES: Trustee Parker; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Sang; Trustee Hoonka

Motion carried.

Trustee Zeck left the meeting.

The following item was presented:

Item 8.B. Approve FY26 Slate of Officers

Trustee Argenziano, Chair, reported that the proposed FY26 Slate of Officers is as follows:
President: Catrina Parker
Vice-President: Dianne Hollister
Treasurer: Craig McCormick
Secretary: Georgene Chissell

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hoonka, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 8.C. Approve Closing the Library on September 30, 2025 for Staff Development Day

Trustee Sang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Argenziano, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 8.D. Approve Appointment to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board
Director Hamilton shared that Trustee Henry has reached the end of her term on the Bloomington Public Library Board, which leaves an opening on the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board.

President Parker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to appoint Craig McCormick to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 8.E. Approve Term Assignments for the Bloomington Foundation Board Members to Align with the Foundation Board Bylaws

It was discovered that the Bloomington Public Library Board had not stated terms for Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board members for many years. The Board drew names to determine the following terms:

Term expiring in 2026:
Van Miller
Robert Porter
Gil Brockway
John Argenziano

Term expiring in 2027:
Patsy Bowles
Julie Meulemans
Deb Halperin
Dianne Hollister

Term expiring in 2028:
Blake Mier
Bill Wetzel
Julia Davis
Jared Fuhler
Craig McCormick

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Discussion Items
There were no discussion items.

Comments by Trustees
Trustee Argenziano shared his new email address: thargen@msn.com. He also asked if the library had any interaction with Leadership McLean County. Director Hamilton indicated that she was involved with the group in the past and that the Golden Prairie Public Library District just finished working with the group to develop a marketing plan. Trustee Argenziano inquired

if the new mayor presents any changes for the library. Director Hamilton stated that she does not anticipate much change in the library's relationship with the City.

Trustee Sang left the meeting.

Trustee Hollister inquired about rules for attendance at board meetings. Director Hamilton indicated that any concerns with individual trustees be brought to the Board President and discussed with the trustee in question.

Adjournment

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:14PM