

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Erica Bellina, Rob Bennett, Glen Layne-Worthey (by phone), Julia Pollack, Liz Sands, Beth Scheid (by phone), and Dan Urban

Absent: Shirese Hursey, Darius White

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

It was moved by Rob Bennett, seconded by Erica Bellina, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff member Carol Inskeep thanked the Board for allowing staff to meet the Executive Director finalists and participate in the search process.

PRESENTATIONS.

Dawn Cassady presented on the "Personnel" and "Access" chapters of *Serving Our Public 4.0 Standards for Illinois Public Libraries*. The Library meets the standards. Rachel Fuller gave a presentation on the Library's budgeting process and the Library's draft FY26 budget.

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Being that Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items, it was moved by Liz Sands, seconded by Rob Bennett, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-02 to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Urbana and The Urbana Free Library for 201 & 202 W. Green Street.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Rob Bennett gave a presentation to the Board about the March 14 executive order that may impact funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and subsequent developments, including possible action steps interested parties could take.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Erica Bellina reported that the next book sale will begin on May 1.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation had sent out its annual impact report, has raised more than \$150,000 so far this fiscal year, and is now offering merchandise for purchase.

Illinois Heartland Library System

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Rachel Fuller shared that the Fairy Tale Ball will be held on Friday, April 11. She mentioned that staff have partnered with two university classes for decorations and activities, and encouraged Board members to attend.

COMMITTEE/BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban thanked the Board, staff, and community for their involvement in the executive director search process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:33 p.m., it was moved by Erica Bellina, seconded by Rob Bennett, and passed by roll call vote to move into closed session for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

Ayes: Erica Bellina, Rob Bennett, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Liz Sands, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

At 8:41 p.m., the Board moved back into open session by roll call vote.

Ayes: Erica Bellina, Rob Bennett, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Liz Sands, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Erica Bellina and seconded by Rob Bennett to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of April 8, 2025.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.