

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Shirese Hursey, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Liz Sands, Beth Scheid, Dan Urban, and Darius White

Absent: Erica Bellina and Deb Newell

**ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

Pat Cain presented Chapter 8, "System Member Responsibilities and Resource Sharing," and Chapter 9, "Public Services: Reference and Reader's Advisory Services," from *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries*. Pat stated that the Library meets the standards for both chapters.

Elizabeth Rockman updated the Board on the Foundation. She stated that the Foundation has made many improvements with the help of Lyndzie Taylor, and before her, Kirstin Gebhart, and with the support of Rachel Fuller, and before her, Celeste Choate. The Foundation has a new donor system, a new accounting system, and an amazing new treasurer, Pat Hoey. Donations have steadily increased, as well as the number of first-time donors. She spoke on some recent Foundation initiatives and some future Foundation possibilities.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

Being that Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items, it was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Darius White, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)**

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to accept the ILLINET/OCLC Services Program Member Agreement for FY26.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Liz Sands, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-07 to amend the Second Cooperative Agreement Urbana Free Library Expansion between the City of Urbana, the Board of Trustees of The Urbana Free Library, and The Urbana Free Library Foundation.

It was moved by Darius White, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve the FY25 budget amendment.

It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve the Ameren invoice for \$10,954.88

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Julia Pollack gave a discussion presentation titled “A Few Points on Public Library History in the U.S.” She touched on the differences between libraries in other countries and American libraries, the history of libraries, and the history of The Urbana Free Library.

### **REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS**

#### ***Friends of the Library***

No report.

#### ***The Urbana Free Library Foundation***

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation has raised \$167,000 in this campaign, which is a little more than 50% over the goal. They have also sold close to 100 t-shirts through the Library merchandise fundraiser. There are ten tickets left for the Giant Desk Concert on June 22.

#### ***Illinois Heartland Library System***

Darius White reported that the IHLS is currently accepting feedback on their Board bylaw revisions. They are hosting an advocacy webinar and sent out a save-the-date for the next IHLS Member Day on February 19, 2026.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Rachel Fuller gave an update on the upcoming remodel and construction, which will start after August 1. The Friends of the Library have graciously agreed to let staff use their spaces during the remodel. Signs informing the public will go up after the Giant Desk Concert. The goal is to make a variety of changes now, before the construction starts, to make the process smoother.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Glen Layne-Worthey reported that the nominating committee is bringing forward the current officers as the slate for FY26. All officers have agreed to continue.

### **BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Shirese Hursey and seconded by Darius White to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of June 10, 2025.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.