

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:01 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Erica Bellina administered the Oath of Office to Justin Kingston.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Erica Bellina, Justin Kingston, Glen Layne-Worthey, Deb Newell, Julia Pollack, Dan Urban, and Beth Scheid.

Absent: Shirese Hursey

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda without modification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Riley Martin from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP presented the Library's FY25 Audit Report.

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items. It was moved by Erica Bellina, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

8.1. It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to accept the FY25 Library Audit Report.

8.2. It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to accept the Patron Code of Conduct.

8.3 It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-01 to thank Carol Inskeep for her service.

8.4 It was moved by Deb Newell, seconded by Erica Bellina, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-02 to thank Darius White for his Board service.

8.5 It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-03 to thank Mike Hannan for his service.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Glen Layne-Worthey spoke about copyright, fair use, and public domain.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Taliah will report after meeting with them on January 15.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the gift match goal of \$15,000 was met within 2 weeks. The Foundation FY26 goal of \$100,000 has been met; they now hope to hit the same amount raised last year, \$171,000.

Illinois Heartland Library System

None. Glen Layne-Worthey volunteered to replace Darius as the new liaison.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Taliah Abdullah invited the Board to Thursday's opening event for the traveling exhibit, Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad. She also invited them to the January 24th Library open house to welcome the community back into the renovated part of the building.

Dawn Cassady gave an update on the remodeling project which is almost completed. She reported that updates to Megan's room have been especially popular with patrons.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban mentioned a vacancy on the Board and asked that anyone interested submit an application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deb Newell asked if there had been any comment received about the revised open hours. Taliah Abdullah responded that she had not received any.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deb Newell, seconded by Erica Bellina, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of January 13, 2026.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.