

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Shirese Hursey and Erica Bellina

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda without modification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items. It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, 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 Justin Kingston, and passed unanimously to accept the FY26 Budget Amendment to move \$20,000 from Other Contractual Services to Legal Services. This adjustment is necessary to pay for Library legal representation for the ongoing union negotiations.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Taliah reported that she met with the Friends on February 4. They discussed restarting book donations in March 2026. The spring book sale dates are as Thursday, May 14-Sunday, May 17.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that January donations amount to \$16,000. The Foundation's FY26 YTD total is \$110,000. New merchandise with the Library's updated logo is available through the Library webpage.

Illinois Heartland Library System

Glen Layne-Worthey encouraged everyone to take a look at the IHLS website. IHLS Member Day is February 19 and will be virtual. He mentioned a session dedicated to Library Learning (LibraryLearning.org), a platform available to all Library staff and Trustees. ILEAD (ILEADTrustee.org) is another place for Trustees to learn more about their role in the Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Taliah Abdullah thanked everyone who attended January events at the Library. Events included an opening for the Illinois Underground Rail Road Exhibit and Library Open House.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban mentioned that the I-School has an online panel discussion on February 11 to discuss book challenges and school libraries. He also pointed out that over the weekend the News Gazette published an interview with Library Director, Taliah Abdullah.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deb Newell asked about Library policy regarding patron use of devices without headphones. Taliah Abdullah responded that we rely on fellow patrons to register complaints with staff. Staff will then address the volume with the patron involved.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of February 10, 2026.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.