

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:04 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Dan Urban administered the oath of office to new Board member, Meena Malik.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Shirese Hursey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Absent: Justin Kingston, Deb Newell, and Glen Layne-Worthey.

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 without modification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library staff member, Ann Panthen, spoke about Union goals regarding hourly-worker compensation and asked for the Board's support and advocacy with the City.

PRESENTATIONS

Taliah Abdullah presented on Illinois Public Library Standards for Finance and Budget. She also answered questions from the Board regarding long-term financial planning

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items. It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

9.1. It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment as described in the Director's Report.

9.2. It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the Social Media Policy.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Dan read Taliah's report sharing that the spring book sale is set for June 11th to 14th. Book donations are expected to resume at the end of April. The Friends are seeking volunteers to help with the sale.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation FY26 YTD donations total \$120,000. The FY25 Annual Report was published, and the Board members all received a copy. FY27 budget planning is underway.

Illinois Heartland Library System

IHLS is accepting applications for an HR-Source-membership grant. The Digital Library Protection Act is under review at the Illinois House of Representatives. On Saturday there will be a virtual training available for library trustees in the ILEAD portal.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban mentioned that prior to the May meeting a 2-person nominating committee is needed to replace Erica Bellina for secretary treasurer. The Board also needs a Friends liaison.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:43 p.m., it was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed by roll call vote to move into closed session for the discussion of collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2).

Ayes: Shirese Hursey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

At 8:58 p.m., the Board moved back into open session by roll call vote.

Ayes: Shirese Hursey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of April 14, 2026.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.