

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: None

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

None.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Staff member, Caleb Wilson spoke about his experience working under several different administrators and his reasons for joining the union.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

Library Director, Taliah Abdullah presented the FY27 draft budget and answered questions.

**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 Justin Kingston, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Nominating Committee discussed recommendations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Justin Kingston has agreed to be nominated.

**ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)**

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to accept Justin Kingston as Secretary/Treasurer.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve the Gift, Donation, and Sponsorship Policy.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve the Meeting Room Policy.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the Whistleblower Policy.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the FY26 budget amendments.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve the Annual Review and Designation of Non-Resident Cards.

It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve FY27 board meeting calendar dates.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve payment of Ameren invoice in the amount of \$10,238.28.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

None.

#### **REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS**

##### *Friends of the Library*

Deb Newell is the new liaison to the Friends. The next book sale is set for June 11.

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

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation FY26 YTD donations total \$125,000. A FY27 budget plan is in the works, and a donor appreciation event is scheduled for June 14.

##### *Illinois Heartland Library System*

Glen Layne-Worthey said there were no updates.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

#### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

#### **BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Shirese Hursey and seconded by Deb Newell to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of May 12, 2026.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.