The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Champaign County Historical Archives on the 2nd floor of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Justin Kingston, Glen Layne-Worthey.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA
It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to add an update from the Foundation presented by Shannon Morber.

APPROVE THE AGENDA
With this addition the agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Staff member, Lisa Wilson spoke about changes she has experienced while working at the Library for 17 years. She urged the Board to prioritize fair wages for staff over the addition of Library administrators. She also asked the Board to authorize Library administration to accept the remaining union proposals to facilitate contract ratification.

PRESENTATIONS.
Shannon Morber, president of TUFL Foundation, spoke about donation growth over the past few years. The Foundation has passed grant money to the Library's budget to support a variety of needs. A donor appreciation event was planned for June 14, 2026.

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 Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)
It was moved by Deb Newell, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Ameren invoice in the amount of $10,088.99.

It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the RAILS invoice in the amount of $10,069.18.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to pass the FY27 Budget.

It was moved by Deb Newell, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the FY26 budget amendments.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the Hours of Service Policy.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Champaign Public Library invoice of $56,480.85.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Deb Newell presented on the topic of censorship.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Deb Newell shared that the book sale is set for June 11-14, 2026.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation will raise their fundraising goal to $150,000 for FY27.

Illinois Heartland Library System

No updates.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Taliah Abdullah reminded Board members to complete their KnowB4 training. She also clarified that she has not communicated intention to hire a new Associate Director will be hired in the position vacated by Rachel Fuller.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban read a statement regarding union negotiations. He stated that Board members refrain from public comment on the topic of union negotiations due to strict rules laid forth by the Illinois Labor Relations Act. While he and other Board members are empathetic to the cause they also remain obligated to the continued fiscal responsibilities of the Library. He spoke briefly about the choice of the law firm to represent Library administration in negotiations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., it was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, 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, Deb Newell, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.
Nays: None.

At 9:00 p.m., the Board moved back into open session by roll call vote.
Ayes: Shirese Hursey, Meena Malik, Deb Newell, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.
Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deb Newell and seconded by Shirese Hursey to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of June 9, 2026.
This meeting was taped for later broadcast.