

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Meena Malik, Deb Newell.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to correct the numbering on items 10 and 17

APPROVE THE AGENDA

With this addition the agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff member, Melissa Muckenhirn spoke about union negotiations and priorities including wages and scheduling. She expressed concern about communication between the Board and Administration regarding the progress of negotiations.

PRESENTATIONS

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.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to accept the slate of officers for FY27 as Dan Urban as President, Beth Scheid as Vice-President, Justin Kingston as Secretary/Treasurer, and Glen Layne-Worthey as Secretary *pro tem*.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve the FY26 budget amendment.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Ameren invoice in the amount of \$12,262.91.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Taliah Abdullah shared that over \$1000.00 in books and other materials were sold at the June book sale. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th, where they will discuss future book sales and plans for supporting the Library.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the June Foundation meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. They will meet again July 15. He thanked Lyndzie Taylor and everyone who helped prepare for the donor event on June 14th.

Illinois Heartland Library System

Glen Layne-Worthey noted there were no major events coming up but reminded the Board of L2, the Library Learning platform which provides training to Board members.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dawn Cassady updated Board members on the status of the solar array planned for Urbana. The site is expected to be operational in the summer of 2027. The Library is waiting for a financial analysis of potential cost savings involved with becoming the anchor tenant for the solar array.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban reported that the liaisons from the Board will remain the same: Deb Newell to the Friends, Dan Urban to the Foundation, Glen Layne-Worthey to IHLS. Taliah Abdullah and Tina Carrington will continue to act as the Library's FOIA officers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:22 p.m., it was moved by Beth Scheid, 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, Justin Kingston, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

At 9:05 p.m., the Board moved back into open session by roll call vote.

Ayes: Shirese Hursey, Justin Kingston, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Shirese Hursey and seconded by Julia Pollack to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

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

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.