

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Absent: Julia Pollack

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member and University of Illinois library professional, Emilie Butt, spoke about the planned pause of Teen Open Lab. She expressed concern about the level of communication with community partners, teens and parents.

PRESENTATIONS

Rose Barnes, Acquisitions and Collections manager of The Urbana Free Library, presented on collection management as part of the Illinois Public Library Standards series.

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 Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve the Annual Report to the City per 75 ILCS 5/4-10

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Deb Newell, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Ameren bill in the amount of \$14,288.55.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Cincinnati Insurance bill in the amount of \$41,859.00.

It was moved by Shirese Hursey, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Hartford (workers' compensation) Insurance bill in the amount of \$17,460.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Illinois Heartland Library System-OCLC bill in the amount of \$17,483.50.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Deb Newell shared that after the June book sale the Friends' bank balance is \$12,985.57. At the August 5th meeting they discussed many details about future book sales including advertising, scheduling, location and storage. They also spoke about raising the annual membership fee.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban had no updates from the Foundation.

Illinois Heartland Library System

Glen Layne-Worthey reported no updates from IHLS.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Taliah Abdullah reported to Board members that she will present the Annual Report to City Council on August 24th. She also spoke about the need to assess Teen Open Lab, the lack of capacity in the Programming department and a desire to serve teens to the best of the Library's ability.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban reported no updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Justin Kingston, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of August 11, 2026.
This meeting was taped for later broadcast.