

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Glen Layne-Worthey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Absent: Shirese Hursey, Justin Kingston, Deb Newell.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None

APPROVE THE AGENDA

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey and the agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

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 Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve the Photography and Recording Policy as presented.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the Public Posting Policy as presented.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve payment of the Ameren invoice in the amount of \$12,564.05.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Beth Scheid, and passed unanimously to approve the FY27 budget amendment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

Dan Urban shared that the Friends' larger book sales will transition to an annual book sale to allow for increased materials donations and capacity for planning of logistics and volunteers. The ongoing Friends' Book Shop located on the 1st floor, closest to the Race Street doors, is experiencing increased visibility and revenue.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

Dan Urban reported that the Foundation received two estate gifts and are exploring creating an endowment. The fall appeal is planned for distribution in late October-early November. New fall merchandise is planned and the Foundation is exploring events in which the Foundation will be present with an information and resource table that will have merchandise available for purchase.

Illinois Heartland Library System

Glen Layne-Worthey noted there were two upcoming events that trustees could access via L2, Library Directory and Learning Calendar. *Understanding the IPLAR* – For Trustees is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026, 7:00pm and iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal Statewide Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00am. Trustees are encouraged to browse illinoisheartland.org for interesting and relevant content to libraries and trustee development. Creating an account will allow for opting in to receive emails on topics of interest. SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2027 for the free IHLS Member Day Annual Virtual Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Taliah Abdullah asked that trustees complete outstanding KnowBe4 trainings. She mentioned that there is a lot of programming and events scheduled in October, with something occurring every Saturday in October. Some highlights are the Fall Fusion on Saturday, October 10, 2026; CU Folk & Roots Festival, Thursday, October 8-Sunday, October 1; Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Library Crawl, October 1-31, 2026; Banned Books Week, October 4-8, 2026.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Dan Urban reported that a screening and panel discussion of *The Librarians* documentary is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2026 at Spurlock Museum, 5:00-8:15pm. The panel discussion will include Becky Calzada, a Texas librarian featured in the film.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:17 p.m., it was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Meena Malik, and passed by roll call vote to move into closed session for the discussion of: 16.1: 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); 16.2 Minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for purpose of approval by the body of the minutes and for semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21); 16.3 Approval of destruction of verbatim record per 5ILCS 120/2.06 (c) (1)(2).

Ayes: Glen Layne-Worthey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

At 8:23 p.m., the Board moved back into open session by roll call vote.

Ayes: Glen Layne-Worthey, Meena Malik, Julia Pollack, Beth Scheid, and Dan Urban.

Nays: None.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the closed session minutes of March 10, 2026, April 14, 2026, June 9, 2026, July 14, 2026, and August 6, 2026.

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to open the minutes of July 9, 2024.

It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the destruction of the verbatim records of the closed sessions meeting on October 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Beth Scheid and seconded by Meena Malik to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of September 8, 2026.

This meeting was partially taped for later broadcast.