

**Drake Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 5 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Board President, Janell Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Michelle Moore, Janell Armstrong, Noel Gordon, Elizabeth Hargrave, Nicole Cox, Shelly Baldwin, Kathy Cridlebaugh and Dennis Beeson

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Cockrum

**Library Staff Present:** Library Director JeNel Barth

**City Staff Present:** None

**Agenda Approval:** Approved as presented.

**Minutes Approval:** The Regular Board Meeting minutes for December 10, 2025, and the Executive Committee Action minutes for December 12, 2025, approved as presented.

**Visitors/Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Bills:** Nicole Cox moved to approve the payment of bills, second Shelly Baldwin, approved by all.

**Director's Report:** Library Director JeNel Barth reports that: 1) Library staff have prepared and distributed the children's programing calendars for January and February, 2) JeNel is beginning to work on our accreditation, 3) Alison Fraser is helping JeNel with some grant writing projects.

**Report from the City:** Budget season is coming.

**Report from Friends of DPL:** The Friends will meet on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The next fundraiser will be Pie Day on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Report on the Drake Public Library Foundation:** The foundation will meet January 15, 2026

**Reports from Standing Committees** (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel): None

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

1. **By Laws Review:** The board reviewed the current By Laws.

2. **Active Strategic Plan Review:** Michelle Moore moved to approve, second Noel Gordon, approved by all.

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Committee Assignment update

**Upcoming Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.