

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 programming 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 26th at 5pm. The next fundraiser will be Pie Day on March 14th.

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.