

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 5PM
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, Nicole Cox, Janell Armstrong, Shelly Baldwin, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Mike Cockrum, Elizabeth Hargrave and Dennis Beeson

Board Members Absent: Kris Hoffman

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

Minutes Approval: The Regular Board Meeting minutes for April 9, 2025, and the Special Online Executive Committee Meeting minutes for April 23, 2025, were approved as presented.

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Michelle Moore moved to approve the payment of bills, second Kathy Cridlebaugh, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports that: 1) Registration for Summer Reading Program begins June 2, 2025. 2) Adult programming will still be available in the Summer. 3) The library will be celebrating the 250th Birthday of Jane Austen with various events during the summer. 4) IA Works will be back in the library on Thursday, May 22 from 9am to noon to assist with job searches. 5) The City Crew provided some needed maintenance on the Story walk at the City Park. 6) Work on the exterior improvements will begin over the next few months thanks to funding from a grant.

Report from the City: None

Report from Friends of DPL: Several Imagination Library books have been returned as undeliverable. Michelle will work with JeNel to update the child list as needed.

Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation: None

Reports from Standing Committees (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel):

Executive: The Executive Committee held a special meeting to pre-approve a bill for Summer Reading Program. The executive committee has signed new signature cards as required for the new bank.

Building: Dennis reported on the estimates received for the replacement of the AC/HVAC system.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposed Budget Line Amendments: Michelle Moore moved to approve the budget amendment as presented, second Shelly Baldwin, approved by all.

AC/HVAC Replacement: Dennis Beason moved to approve the estimate from OnAgain Heating & Cooling, second Nicole Cox, approved by all.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.