

**Drake Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**  
**Annual Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Board Members Present:** Janell Armstrong, Michelle Moore, Mike Cockrum, Dennis Beeson, Kathy Criddlebaugh, Shelly Baldwin, Kris Hoffman, Elizabeth Hargrave, and Nicole Cox (entered at 5:10 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:**

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

**City Staff Present:** None

**Agenda Approval:** Approved as presented

**Minutes Approval:** The 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as presented at the August 14, 2024 regular board meeting.

**Visitors/Public Comment:** None

**Director's Annual Report:** Library Director JeNel Barth reports

- 1) **Building:** The air conditioning system was upgraded and continued improvements are being made to make the front entrance more accessible with railings as well as fresh paint.
- 2) **Kid Stuff:** The Children's staff have kept very busy with an increase in numbers of participants in all the various children's programs. The staff is wrapping up another very successful Summer Reading Program and looks forward to introducing new programming during the school year.
- 3) **Collaborations:** The library has been working with IA Works and local businesses and individuals to add new programming and assistance to patrons.
- 4) **Technology:** The loss of Brainfuse online through the State Library has been recently replaced with Mometrix.
- 5) **Statistics:** Circulation numbers continue to improve, especially the Bridges Checkouts.

**New Business:**

1. **Election of Officers:** Dennis Beeson nominated, Shelly Baldwin seconded, and the board voted to elect the following board members for each position as follows, approved by all.
  - a. President: Janell Armstrong
  - b. Vice President: Nicole Cox
  - c. Secretary: Michelle Moore
2. **Committee Assignments:** President Janell Armstrong reviewed the new committee assignments.

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