

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

Call to Order: Board President, Janell Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Janell Armstrong, Shelly Baldwin, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Mike Cockrum, Elizabeth Hargrave, Kris Hoffman, Nicole Cox and Dennis Beeson

Board Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

Minutes Approval: The Regular Board Meeting minutes for June 11, 2025, were approved as presented.

Visitors/Public Comment: None

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

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports that: 1) Summer Reading Program is wrapping up, 2) The birthday celebration for Jane Austin kicked off on June 9th and will continue during the summer with various events, 3) Iowa author, Helen Miller will be at the library for a book chat on Saturday, July 12th, 4) State Library of Iowa is offering a free online resource, Mometrix eLibrary, to help with the loss of BrainFuse, 5) A free matinee of "Clueless" (which is based on Jane Austen's Emma) will be shown at The Majestic on Saturday, July 19th at 2 p.m.

Report from the City: None

Report from Friends of DPL: The Friends are planning a Bingo Night to be hosted in Mystic. There is also a raffle going on for a quilt that can be seen on the main floor of the library.

Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation: There is a meeting next week. Dennis will need to be replaced on the Foundation in December after he has served for five years.

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

Public Relations: Kris followed up on various discussions with organizers of recent community events.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Future budget shortfalls

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.