

Agenda Item #4 (a)

Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting

**The Julia F. Burnham 3rd Floor Conference Room • Main Library • 200 W. Green Street • Champaign
June 18, 2025**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by President Blakeman.
2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Michael Foellmer, Charlisa Hart, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, Minnie Pearson, and Chaya Sandler

Members absent: None

Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Amy Al-Shabibi, Jill Bouvet, Tricia Duzan, Laurel Halfar, Mary Jo Harvey, Kristina Hoerner, Jordan Neal, Mike Rogalla, and Jennifer Sutton

Visitors present: Natalie Frankenberg and Juliana Blakeman
3. Approve the Agenda:
 - MOTION by Lansford to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
4. Approve the Minutes:
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2025
 - b. Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2025
 - MOTION by La Due to approve both sets of the minutes as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.
5. Director's Report:
 - a. Studio & Douglass Branch Makerspace Report:
 - Millington provided updates for the Makerspace at Douglass Branch and The Studio in the main library.
 - b. Strategic Plan Progress Report:
 - Millington noted that the report outlines the services for expanded Friday evening hours, and the great progress made on those goals.

- c. Presentation on Early Literacy (Mary Jo Harvey, Mother Goose on the Loose, and Lauren Halfar, Children's Services)
 - Millington introduced Laurel Halfar, Children's Librarian, and our new Mother Goose on the Loose, Mary Jo Harvey, who gave a presentation on Early Literacy at the Library.
6. TeenSpace Lighting Bid Approval and Contract:
 - Millington presented the TeenSpace Lighting bid and contract from Remco Electric with the lowest bid of \$55,000.
 - MOTION by Lansford to approve the TeenSpace Lighting Bid and Contract for Remco Electric as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.
7. FY2026 Election of Officers (Standing Committee on Nominations):
 - Lansford reported that the Nominating committee met and is presenting the returning slate of officers:

President: Katie Blakeman
Vice-President: Minnie Pearson
Secretary: Michael La Due
Treasurer: Rajeev Malik
 - Lansford called for any other nominations from the Board. There were none.
 - MOTION by Malik to approve the returning slate of officers as presented; seconded by Foellmer. All: Aye.
8. FY2026 Board Committee and Liaison Assignments:
 - Blakeman presented the committee and liaison assignments for the FY2026 fiscal year.
 - MOTION by Malik to approve the FY2026 Board Committee and Liaison Assignments as presented; seconded by Lansford. All: Aye.
9. Financial Reports:
 - a. Approve Check Register for May 2025:
 - MOTION by Sandler to file the check register for May 2025 as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
 - b. FY2024/25 Financial Statements for May 2025:
 - MOTION by Pearson to accept the May 2025 financials as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

- Lansford stated that there was no meeting this month.
- Millington reported that Terry Goode will begin on July 7 as the new Development Director.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer reported that the Library's proposed budget was approved by the council.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- La Due reported that the Friends annual meeting was held today and was a nice event. The keynote speaker was Claire Stewart, Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, from the University of Illinois.

11. Comments from the Audience:

- There were no comments.

12. Comments from the Board:

- Pearson thanked everyone who attended the Juneteenth Celebration at Douglass Branch. It was a great event and well attended.
- Foellmer seconded Pearson's comments and said everyone was so happy. It was the best weather we've had in four years.
- Blakeman thanked the Board for again entrusting her as Board President. She enjoys the role because the Library is close to her heart and thank you to staff for a wonderful summer reading program.

13. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, July 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, August 20, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, September 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Douglass Branch Library, 504 E. Grove St., C

14. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Sandler to adjourn at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Lansford. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Blakeman, President

Michael La Due, Secretary

Jill Bouvet, Recorder