

Agenda Item #4 (a)

**Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting**

**The Julia F. Burnham 3rd Floor Conference Room • Main Library • 200 West Green Street • Champaign
November 19, 2025**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Blakeman.
2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, Minnie Pearson, and Chaya Sandler

Members absent: None

Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Amy Al-Shabibi, Iris Ashby, Danotra Brown, Tricia Duzan, Ross Eethritch, Nicole Eveland, Terry Goode, Thea Green, Kristina Hoerner, Rebecca Knaur, Sam Lechowicz, Michelle Morrison, Jordan Neal, Heather Sheahan, Ari Sterling, and Jennifer Sutton

Visitors present: Jennifer Bannon, Natalie Frankenburg, Angelo Moreno, and Yolanda Woods
3. Approve the Agenda:
 - MOTION by Hart to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
4. Approve the Minutes:
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2025
 - MOTION by Malik to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.
5. Director's Report:
 - Millington reported that another successful Staff Development Day was held on Friday, November 7 with Beverly Baker from United Way as the keynote speaker.
 - a. Welcome Marketing Manager, Salem Gebil
 - Millington introduced Salem Gebil to the Board.
 - Millington congratulated Salem Gebil and Lauren Gramly who won individual awards at the City's Employee Awards Luncheon held today. Employees were also recognized for their years of service.
 - Millington pointed out the 150th Anniversary booklet distributed for use as a campaign tool in 2026 for the Library's anniversary.

- b. 150th Anniversary & Campaign (Tricia Duzan, Deputy Director and Terry Goode, Development Director)

- The Board received a presentation on the upcoming 150th Anniversary and campaign.

6. Technology Upgrade Resolution:

- MOTION by Malik to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Lansford. All: Aye.

7. Financial Reports:

a. FY25 Audit Status Update (Jennifer Sutton, Accounting Manager):

- Sutton reported that the audit is in draft process. The final presentation will be at the January Board meeting.

b. Approve Check Register for October 2025:

- MOTION by Lansford to file the check register for October 2025 as presented; seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

c. FY2025/26 Financial Statements for October 2025:

- MOTION by La Due to accept the October 2025 financials as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

8. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

- Lansford reported that the campaign is going very well.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- La Due reported that the Friends enjoyed the 150th anniversary presentation.

9. Comments from the Audience:

- Michelle Morrison, Champaign resident, addressed the Board.
- Iris Ashby, Urbana resident, addressed the Board.

10. Comments from the Board:

- Hart commented that she loves the library and is extremely happy to hear about books for children in October. She is excited about the future of this library and our community.

11. Closed Session: Motion by Foellmer to go into a closed session for "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees," as authorized by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCA 120/2(c)(2), seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.
 - The Board entered the closed session at 6:30 p.m.
 - Roll call vote was obtained.
 - The Board returned to open session at 7:14 p.m.
12. Next Meetings or Events:
 - Regular Meeting, January 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
 - Regular Meeting, February 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
 - Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Douglass Branch Library, 504 E. Grove St., C
13. Adjournment:
 - MOTION by Malik to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Blakeman, President

Michael La Due, Secretary

Jill Bouvet, Recorder