

*Agenda Item #4 (a)*

**Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting**

**The Julia F. Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Catherine Purcell 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet distributed for use as a campaign tool in 2026 for the Library's anniversary.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, February 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,

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Katie Blakeman, President

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Michael La Due, Secretary

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Jill Bouvet, Recorder