

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
July 15, 2025.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Mr. Kurt Oswald, Mr. Chuck Schmidt, Ms. Susie Ternes, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. Sarah Balderas, Ms. Rose Mary Frame, Ms. TaDonne Neal, Ms. Brandi Newry, and Ms. Karyn Shorter.

Call to Order

Jonathan Winkler called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., a quorum being present.

Staff Presentation

No presentation.

Approval of the Agenda

Susie Ternes moved (Schmidt) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2025 were presented. Rose Mary Frame moved (Oswald) to approve the minutes as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Finance Committee Report

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chuck Schmidt moved to approve the June 2025 finance report and supplemental bills in the following amounts: General Fund bills of \$892,274.44; Grant Fund bills of \$18,149.38; and Gift bills of \$19,503.67, for a total of \$929,927.49. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chuck Schmidt noted that the biannual report of staff travel was provided to receive and file.

Operations Committee Report

On behalf of the Operations Committee, TaDonne Neal moved to approve the policy revisions to CIR-006, CIR-009, ORG-002.4, REF-003 and REF-012 as presented by staff, with the correction of the title of ORG-002.2 to ORG-002.4. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Planning & Facilities Committee Report

No report.

Public Affairs Committee Report

Kurt Oswald reported that DAB presentations were given at District 2 (Schmidt), District 3 (Oswald & Hirsh), and District 5 (Ternes).

Special Committee Reports

Friends of the Library – Susan Byer reported that the Friends sold 200 five-dollar bags of books at the book sale held July 11-12. They have also sold 21 Love Your Library yard signs to date. The Friends will be distributing \$10,000 to WPL for funding needs.

Library Foundation - Kourtney Carson reported the Foundation is excited about its new logo and website design, which includes a stories page that is to be periodically updated. They are continuing to work on annual fund appeals and are also participating in a collaborative effort for the Angelou community garden and seed bank.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – No representative was available. Director Nix reported that the 2026 annual conference will be held at the Advanced Learning Library, and members of the Society are also steadily working on the new Memory Lab.

Director of Libraries Report

Director Nix reported that a Special Collections assessment, funded through a local donor, has been completed. Staff are at work on several building-related items that were identified as risks for the rare materials and will continue to progress other suggested improvements as a long-range project. The LegacyWorks café continues to operate on Saturdays, and discussions are underway to bring more collaboration into the café to expand service hours. Annual planned savings for the library have been adjusted and represent an improvement for the system's state-aid eligibility. Staff are currently developing plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary for Wichita Public Library.

Board members were invited to Storytime in the Park, presented by Storytime Village, on July 22, where Director Nix will serve as a guest reader. The Board is also invited to the Alford grand reopening celebration on Saturday, August 23.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Nix