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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
July 15, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Blakeman.

2. Members present: Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Minnie Pearson, and Chaya Sandler

   Members absent: Daly Andersson and Rajeev Malik

   Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Amy Al-Shababi, Jill Bouvet, Nanette Donohue, Salem Gebil, Terry Goode, Thea Green, Linda Kupferschmid, Jordan Neal, Heather Sheahan, and Jennifer Sutton

   Visitors present: Natalie Frankenburg, Jonne Brown, and Rachel Loftus

3. Approve the Agenda:

   - MOTION by Sandler to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Hart. All: Aye.

4. Approve the Minutes:

   a. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2026
   b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2026
   c. Nominating Committee Minutes, June 8, 2026

      - MOTION by Foellmer to approve all sets of minutes as presented; seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

Pearson arrived at 5:38 p.m.

5. FY2027 Election of Officers (Standing Committee on Nominations):

   - Pearson reported that the Nominating Committee met and is presenting the slate of officers for FY2026-2027:

     President: Katie Blakeman
     Vice-President: Minnie Pearson
     Secretary: Michael La Due
     Treasurer: Rajeev Malik

   - MOTION by Lansford to approve the returning slate of officers as presented; seconded by Hart. All: Aye.

6. Director's Report for June and July 2026:

- Millington introduced Lauren Chambers, the new Children's Services Manager.

    a. Studio & Douglass Branch Makerspace Report: January – June 2026

    - Millington noted the great job staff has done with programs and Book a Librarian appointments.

    b. Strategic Plan Progress Report: January – June 2026

    c. Annual Statistics (Nanette Donohue, Collection Services Manager):

    - Donohue presented the annual statistics for fiscal year 2026.

7. FY2027 ILLINET/OCLC Services Program Agreement:

- MOTION by La Due to approve the agreement as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

8. Surplus Property:

- MOTION by Lansford to approve the Resolution for Surplus Property as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

9. FY2027 Board Committee and Liaison Preferences:

- Blakeman reminded the Board to review the committee and liaison choices and note the committees on which they choose to serve and/or chair.

10. Financial Reports:

    a. Approve Check Register for May and June 2026:

    - MOTION by La Due to file the check register for May and June 2026 as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

    b. FY2025/26 Financial Statements for May and June 2026:

    - MOTION by Hart to accept the May and June 2026 financials as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

11. Committee and Liaison Reports:

    a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

    - Lansford explained the functions of the Foundation Board and encouraged other board members to consider serving as liaison.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- La Due reported that the Friends annual meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

12. Comments from the Audience:

- Linda Kuperschmid of Mahomet addressed the Board.

13. Comments from the Board:

- Blakeman thanked Millington and staff for partnering with the Champaign County History Museum to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with the exhibit "Forging Liberty".

- Blakeman thanked Library staff for programming in The Studio that taught her daughter how to sew. She used the skills for costumes in the play "Frozen" performed at the Urbana Park District.

- Pearson commented that the Library is wonderful and especially in Douglass Park where the children and community enjoy the water park.

14. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, August 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, September 16, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Douglass Branch Library, 504 E. Grove, C.
- Regular Meeting, October 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library

15. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Sandler to adjourn at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Pearson. 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