

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
May 20, 2026**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Blakeman.
2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, and Minnie Pearson

Members absent: Chaya Sandler

Library staff present: Amy Al-Shabibi, Salem Gebil, Kristina Howerner, Linda Kupferschmid, Benjamin Layman, Jordan Neal, Jennifer Sutton, and Linda Wessels

Visitors present: Jared Black and Natalie Frankenburg
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, April 15, 2026
 - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2026
 - MOTION by Malik to approve both sets of minutes as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.
5. Director's Report:
 - Gebil shared details on the summer reading "Join the Party" kickoff, summer programs and events. The Library's 150th anniversary celebration will be on July 21. Gebil gave a sneak peek of the Great Author series for the fall.
 - Al-Shabibi gave an update to the Library's website regarding the ADA accessibility compliance requirements. The new website launch is expected this summer with many new enhancements.
6. Service to Non-Residents Policy:
 - MOTION by La Due to approve the policy as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.

7. Financial Reports:
 - a. Approve Check Register for April 2026:
 - MOTION by Malik to file the check register for April 2026 as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
 - b. FY2025/26 Financial Statements for April 2026:
 - MOTION by Andersson to accept the April 2026 financials as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
8. Committee and Liaison Reports:
 - a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:
 - Lansford reported that everything is going 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 will have their annual meeting on June 17, 2026, at 4 p.m. with Robert D. Sampson who will be presenting Early Baseball History in Illinois.
9. Comments from the Audience:
 - There were no comments.
10. Comments from the Board:
 - Blakeman continues to be grateful for the connection and resources that her child has utilized at the Library.
11. Closed Session for the Evaluation of the Library Director:
 - MOTION by Foellmer to go into a closed session for “(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity” or (2) 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 Malik. All: Aye.
 - The Board entered closed session at 5:45 p.m.
 - Roll call vote was obtained.

- The Board discussed Millington's evaluation.
- The Board returned to open session at 5:55 p.m.
- MOTION by Malik to go back into open session; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

12. Director's Salary:

- MOTION by Foellmer to approve a 3.75% salary increase for Millington as discussed; seconded by Pearson. All: aye.

13. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, June 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, July 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, August 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library

14. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Andersson to adjourn at 5:59 p.m., seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Blakeman, President

Michael La Due, Secretary

Benjamin Layman, Recorder