

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board President, Janell Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Janell Armstrong, Elizabeth Hargrave (entered meeting at 5:04 p.m.), Nicole Cox, Shelly Baldwin, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Mike Cockrum and Dennis Beeson

Board Members Absent: Noel Gordon

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

Minutes Approval: The Regular Board Meeting minutes for January 14, 2026, approved as presented.

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Shelly Baldwin moved to approve the payment of bills, second Nicole Cox, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports that: 1) Library staff are preparing to participate in the Healthy Kids Fair on April 11th, 2) Plans for Summer Reading Program have begun and the theme is Plant a Seed, Read, 3) Alison Fraser is helping JeNel with some grant writing projects for exterior improvements, 4) There was a large increase in the utilization of Bridges/Libby in January, 5) The library Accreditation is due February 28, 2026.

Report from the City: None

Report from Friends of DPL: The next fundraiser will be Pie Day on Saturday, March 14th beginning at 9 a.m. The Friends are looking for Pie Bakers and Pie Buyers.

Report on the Drake Public Library Foundation: The Foundation has agreed to assist with matching grants if received.

Reports from Standing Committees (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel):

Budget and Finance: The B&F Committee met to review the FY27 Budget and have approved it to be brought to the board for approval.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Board Committee Assignments:** President Janell Armstrong presented the updates to the board committees.
2. **FY27 Budget:** Michelle Moore moved to approve, second Kathy Cridlebaugh, approved by all.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Facilities listing

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Janell Armstrong.