

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 5 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board Vice-President, Nicole Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Nicole Cox, Shelly Baldwin, Elizabeth Hargrave, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Noel Gordon, Dennis Beeson and Mike Cockrum.

Board Members Absent: Janell Armstrong

Library Staff Present: JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

Minutes Approval: The Regular Board Meeting minutes for August 12, 2026, approved as presented.

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Noel Gordon moved to approve the payment of bills, second Dennis Beeson, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth provided a report for the boards review including: 1) Staff members participated in Stop the Bleed training and the library will receive supplies as a result, 2) A recent tour bus spent time at the library with JeNel as a part of a tour of Appanoose County, 3) The city is beginning to review FY28 budget, 4) Staff had a successful night at Lakeview Back to School open house and saw over 150 families.

Report from the City: None

Report from Friends of DPL: The Church Billiards will be hosting a fundraiser for Friends of DPL. Imagination Library is established to continue even with the passing of Dolly Parton.

Report on the Drake Public Library Foundation: The Foundation meets next in the month of October.

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

Personnel: JeNel's evaluation has been completed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Policy Review: Patron Behavior Policy: Michelle Moore moved to approve the policy with changes noted, second Noel Gordon, approved by all.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Annual FY26 State Survey

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Nicole Cox