

**Drake Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 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:** Janell Armstrong, Elizabeth Hargrave, Nicole Cox, Shelly Baldwin, Noel Gordon, and Kathy Cridlebaugh.

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Beeson, Mike Cockrum, and Michelle Moore

**Library Staff Present:** Library Director JeNel Barth

**City Staff Present:** None

**Visitors/Public Comment:** None

**Agenda Approval:** Approved as presented

**Minutes Approval:** Approved as presented

**Approval of Bills:** Kathy Cridlebaugh moved to approve the payment of bills, Noel Gordon second, approved by all.

**Director's Report:** Library Director JeNel Barth reports 1) Grants for exterior improvements including step and entrance repair, signage, lighting and SRP are underway, 2) DPL's accreditation application was accepted and sets DPL at the top Tier 3 status, 3) DPL was the recipient of a \$941.69 donation from the Estate of Norma Jean Warner, who divided her estate amounts all Iowa libraries and/or Community Centers in Iowa towns under 7,000 population.

**Report from the City:** None.

**Report from the Friends of DPL:** Pi(e) Day will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Library.

**Report from the Drake Public Library Foundation:** The Foundation will meet next in April.

**Report from Officers:** None.

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

1. Budget: City Council Meeting regarding the Budget on Monday.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Facilities List: The Board briefly discussed the Facilities List created by JeNel Barth, further discussion to be had at the April meeting when more members are present.
2. Budget: Nicole Cox moved to approve the FY27 Budget as presented by the DPL Budget and Finance Committee, Noel Gordon second, approved by all.

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Further discussion of Facilities List.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjourned**