Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met in Laman Library's Room 124 with Zoom access provided. Mr. Sonny Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, CEO/Chief Librarian; Mr. Sonny Rhodes, President; Ms. Katie Phippin; Vice President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Joyce Brewer; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Kim Drake; and Ms. Jenny Heard. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Robin Campbell, Ms. Stacy Purdy, Ms. Lacy Wolfe, Ms. Lauren Schmidt, and Ms. Bekah Hedges. Mr. Adam Branscum, Ms. Susie Kirk, and Mr. Cameron Sharp joined remotely.

Motion Ms. Brewer, second Ms. Phippin to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

In reviewing the Financial Report, Ms. Gates highlighted the current grants landscape. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Heard to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates provided an overview of eBook acquisition options and the Arkansas Digital Library Consortium while reviewing the Statistical Report. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Heard to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the PTO balance and activities of the Director's Report and invited questions for Mr. Theilig, Ms. Purdy, or Ms. Campbell about other Executive Summary Reports. In the Chief Operating Officer Report, Ms. Wolfe highlighted 1,425 Summer Adventure participants, upcoming programs, and staff members' participation in the Arkansas Library Association. Ms. Schmidt introduced the Book-A-Librarian program being piloted at Laman Library.

In a Facilities Update, Ms. Gates mentioned HVAC needs and weather-caused delays fo the Laman Library roof replacement, roof replacement planned for Argenta Library, repairs to the Rover mobile library, and installation of door counters and a security system at the Innovation Hub.

Ms. Gates invited questions about the Library's CIPA Compliance efforts, which include internet filtering required for E-Rate funding.

Ms. Gates noted upcoming events, such as the Third Friday Art Walk for Argenta Library and The Hub, Christmas in July's Snow Day, and scheduled conferences.

The next regular meeting is set for September 15, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary