

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

June 18, 2025

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Sandra Dupree, Deborah Gilliam, Milton Melton, Stephanie Smith, Richard Pyles, and Eric McCulloch were present. Absent from the meeting were Amanda Norris and Bill Jones. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

Director Bolom took a few moments to introduce five staff members from three different departments to the Board.

Mr. McCulloch made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2025 meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Canterbury called on Director Bolom to present the next item of his request for the Board to declare various items as surplus. He pointed out the given list of twenty-three lots and/or items given in the meeting packet. Once declared surplus, the items will be sent to the Police Jury for public bid. Mr. Melton made a motion to declare the lot of various items as surplus with the intent to send them to the Police Jury for public bid. Ms. Smith seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Dupree represented the Events Center Committee. She read the report of the committee in the form of a motion which stated: "(1) this Board hereby desires to open discussions with the Police Jury to amend its ordinance to allow the use of alcoholic beverages at the Library's Events Center; (2) the Events Center Committee is instructed to handle those discussions with the Police Jury and to report back to the Board the result of those discussions with the Police Jury; (3) the Events Center Committee, before it meets with the appropriate representatives of the Police Jury, shall develop proposed regulations governing the use of alcoholic beverages at the Events Center and ask the Police Jury and its legal counsel for input and approval of such proposed regulations." Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Gilliam reported that the Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale.

Director Bolom stated that there had been correspondence from various donors who have made donations to the Library in memory of Norma Huston.

During his financial report, Director Bolom noted that most spending is either at or below the relevant percentage of where it should be at the end of May.

He then presented the statistics for May, highlighting many strong numbers, thanks to Summer Reading.

In his report, Bolom summarized several buildings and grounds projects, including the new digital signs, necessary repairs to the movable wall in the Dubach/Choudrant rooms in the Events Center, and the initial meeting with an architect for the flooring and lighting project. He highly praised attendance numbers for Summer Reading programs so far, especially the kickoff with 641 attendees and the baby alligators program with just shy of 400.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:23pm.

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