

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

May 15, 2025

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 17, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Norris 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 Pulice Jury for public bid. Ms. Smith seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Legislative and Events Center Committees had nothing to report.

Director Bolom reported that the Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 9am-5pm in the Events Center.

There was no correspondence.

During his financial report, Director Bolom noted spending is on track, and his recent concerns of e-materials spending seems to have leveled off since the current percentage aligns with amount of the year that has past.

He then presented the statistics for April. There was a drop of over 2000 patron visits, while circulation, wi-fi, and programming numbers remain strong. He again pointed out that the number of IT tickets did not reflect the amount of work done by Brent Kennimer of Parish IT who is often working within the Library. Mr. Bolom also pointed out that outreach for the month included a Ruston High School career day and the Senior Expo.

In his report, Bolom summarized his professional activities which included a 2024 statistical report to the Police Jury. He was thrilled with the participation and attendance at this year's Lincoln Literarium and the success of the Historical Tea Party event. He then called on the Children's department (Abigail Massey and Madeline Moghimi) to give an overview of their summer reading program and events. Teen

Coordinator Kris Patrick then did the same for the teen program and events. Bolom closed out with summary of adult reading activities through August.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.