

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

September 18, 2025

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Milton Melton, Stephanie Smith, Bill Jones, and Richard Pyles were present. Absent from the meeting were Sandra Dupree, Deborah Gilliam, Amanda Norris, and Eric McCulloch. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was not in attendance due to his participation in the Association of Rural and Small Library Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Business Manager Maria Goree served as Library representative.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

Mr. Melton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Melton made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 21, 2025, meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Canterbury call for any discussion on the submitted list of Library Holidays and Closures for 12/31/2025 through 1/1/2027. With no discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the list of Library Holidays and Closures for 12/31/2025 through 1/1/2027, and Mr. Pyles seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Events Center Committee Chair Bill Jones reported that the full Jury will consider action for the change of their ordinance which would allow the Library to proceed with its proposed policies to allow renters to serve alcohol in the Events Center.

Mrs. Goree reminded everyone who wishes to attend the Trail Blazer Library System Trustee Annual meeting in Concordia Parish on Friday, October 3, 2025 to RSVP.

The Board took time to review the budget report, and Mr. Jones asked when the ad valorem tax revenue is added to the budget. Mrs. Goree will relay his question to Director Bolom.

Mrs. Goree summarized Director Bolom's statistics for August by stating that usage numbers usually drop in August, but numbers are strong compared to the first four months of the year. Only adult and outreach programs were held in August, since the Children's and Teen departments take a break during August.

The Board then reviewed Director Bolom's report. Ms. Goree reminded everyone that Bolom will also be absent at October's meeting due to attendance at the Library Journal's Directors' Summit in Denver. Assistant Director Jessica Barrilleaux will attend as Library representative.

With no further discussions, Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

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