

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

October 16, 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, Richard Pyles, Sandra Dupree, Amanda Norris, and Eric McCulloch were present. Absent from the meeting was Deborah Gilliam. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was not in attendance due to his participation in the Library Journal Directors' Summit in Denver, Colorado. Assistant Director Jessica Barrilleaux served as Library representative.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

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

There were no public comments.

After clarification on the paragraph concerning the budget report, Ms. Dupree made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Canterbury called for any discussion on the on the Lincoln Parish Police Jury's decision to amend Lincoln Parish Code of Ordinances Section 4-7 to allow the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Events Center. Mr. Jones made a motion to formally adopt the policies and rules, which had recently been approved, as presented and approved by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Mr. Melton seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Events Center Committee Chair Bill Jones thanked the Jury for considering and approving the Library's request. He also summarized an October 1 meeting that he, Director Bolom, Assistant Director Barrilleaux, and Events Center Coordinator Kacey Richard had with Police Juror Chris "Moose" Garriga, which was filled with several helpful suggestions and ideas including policy changes and useful items that would assist caterers.

Friends Liaison Gilliam was not present, but Mrs. Canterbury inquired on the success of the Garage Sale. Assistant Director Barrilleaux reported it went well, with a crowd of more than 700 people.

Assistant Director Barrilleaux alerted everyone to a save-the-date card for the 2026 Trail Blazer Library System Trustee Annual meeting which will be held in East Carroll Parish on Friday, September 25, 2026.

The Board took time to review the budget report and had no questions.

Assistant Director Barrilleaux summarized Director Bolom's statistics for September by stating that both patron visits and circulation are up. Outreach numbers include the Lincoln Parish Park Fest with 1157 attendees. Hoopla title report for additions and discards were not received from the vendor.

Assistant Director Barrilleaux presented Director Bolom's report, which included his attendance at the Trail Blazer Annual Trustee's meeting on October 3, the launch of the Library's Mini-Shop on 10/7, and interviews for a part-time opening in User and Information Services. She also highlighted the "My Favorite Book Tree Decorating Contest," and the many Library outreach activities, which started a very busy season the weekend of the Park Fest and Chicken Festival, September 27, 2025.

With no further discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.