

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

February 19, 2026

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Chair Bill Jones. Board members Amanda Norris, Sandra Dupree, Stephanie Smith, and Richard Pyles were present. Absent from the meeting were Jan Canterbury, Deborah Gilliam, and Milton Melton. Eric McCulloch arrived at 5:19pm. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Mr. Pyles.

Director Bolom took a few moments to introduce guests at the meeting, which included a member of the press and policy jury administration.

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

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Norris made the motion to approve the minutes for the January 15, 2026, meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Jones made a motion to accept the presented Director's edits to the Library's "Extreme Weather and Other Emergencies" policy. Ms. Dupree seconded. During discussion, Mrs. Norris asked for the necessity of the Library Board to be included in deciding when to reopen the Library (first sentence of the second paragraph). Director Bolom stated that he kept the wording consistent with the first paragraph and wished to keep the wording as presented. It was also pointed out that in case the Director is unavailable, the presented wording allows the board to act. With discussion closed, the motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence and communication.

Although Friends Liaison Gilliam was absent, Director Bolom thanked the Friends for their continued support and assistance at the Readers Club Gala. He also reminded everyone that the next book sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 2026.

During his financial report, Director Bolom provided a more complete 2025 final budget. He also presented the first budget report for 2026, which shows only early expenditures.

He then presented the statistics for January 2026. All numbers were affected by the weather closures (January 24 through January 30). This included six Library programs, several rooms use cancellations, and one Events Center postponement. Wi-fi and patron computer use numbers were also affected by an AT&T network outage on January 19 through January 21, 2026.

In his report, Bolom summarized his upcoming professional activities, several of which were cancelled. He also commented on preparations for the annual Geektogether on the first Saturday in March. He

spent most time reviewing special Black History Month programming, both which had already taken place and those still forthcoming, citing the provided Library's February Newsletter as reference. He praised staffer Tony Lewis for his work on programming for adults during the month. Forthcoming programs mentioned included the Black Expo, the Geektogether, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, and the Friends Community Garage Sale.

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 5:34pm.

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