

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 2026

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

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

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Melton made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 19, 2026, meeting. Ms. Dupree seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

During committee reports Director Bolom asks that the Events Center Committee set up a time to meet in the future to discuss policy updates, especially in regard to use of the new warmers and oven. Although Friends Liaison Gilliam was absent, Director Bolom reminded everyone that the Friends special children's books and puzzle sale would be taking place on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. The Friends also had a successful community garage sale event on Saturday, March 14. Ms. Dupree and Vice-Chair Norris, both board attendees of the Louisiana Library Association conference that was held in Lake Charles on Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7, gave highlights of sessions and events they attended.

There was no correspondence and communication.

During his financial report, Director Bolom noted good early revenue for the Events Center and no unexpected expenses.

He then presented the statistics for February 2026. Patron visits were back up by over 1000, while electronic circulations were actually down for once. He speculated the drop due to heavy circulations in January caused by the weather closures (January 24 through January 30). The Library also saw a large intake of new books during the month.

In his report, Bolom summarized his activities and the LLA conference. He also mentioned an upcoming trip to Baton Rouge to attend the final meeting of the State Library of Louisiana's Director's Handbook committee, on which he served. Building projects included a new compressor to be installed on the Events Center roof, electrical issues in the server room, and a meeting with the architect on updates for

the Library renovation set for Friday, March 27 at 10am. Interviews for two Events Center Assistants will be held on March 23 and 26 and an all-staff meeting will be held on Monday, April 6 at 8am. He praised the inaugural Black Expo which had 205 attendees, the Geektogether which despite the weather had a crowd of 750, and Pictures with the Easter Bunny which had over 100 pictures taken.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.