

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL
Minutes of Meeting--June 18, 2026

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Chair Bill Jones. Board members Amanda Norris, Stephanie Smith, Jan Canterbury, Milton Melton, and Richard Pyles were present. Absent from the meeting were Deborah Gilliam, Sandra Dupree, and Eric McCulloch. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

Mrs. Norris 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 May 21, 2026, meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones called on Director Bolom to present the list of items he would like to be declared surplus. These items were identified during cleaning and preparations for the upcoming renovation. Bolom reminded the Board that after their approval, the list is sent to the Jury for final approval and then items are advertised for public bid. After a few clarifying questions from Board members, Mr. Pyles made a motion to declare the listed items surplus and to have the Jury continue the process. Mrs. Norris seconded. All yes, motion approved.

Friends Liaison Gilliam was not present, but Director Bolom informed the Board of the upcoming Friends of the Library Board meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 5pm. The Friends will also have an extended book sale from Friday, July 31 to Monday, August 3, 2026.

There was no correspondence and communication.

During his financial report, Director Bolom once again focused on the "Building & Grounds Maintenance" line, where spending for HVAC maintenance continues. He reminded the board that an amendment to this line will need to occur once the bid is accepted for the renovation project.

Director Bolom then presented the statistics for May 2026. Patron visits, physical and e-circulations, and reference queries were back up. Meeting rooms and Events Center use decreased. Programming numbers were very strong.

In his report, Bolom mentioned his professional activities and projects, including attendance at the bi-monthly Trail Blazer meeting and the completion of the electrical work in the Events Center for the warmers and oven. A new part-time assistant was hired for the Events Center, but the open full-time position in the Children's department, along with another part-time Events Center assistant and one part-time User and Information Services assistant remain open. He reminded the Board that the Library would be closed on Friday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. He reported attendance numbers at

the Summer Reading Kickoff that featured Snake ID, Dat Does the Trick Balloon twisters, and Kona Ice. Unfortunately, numbers were down compared to 2025. Overall attendance at weekly regular and special summer reading events has been good. He concluded the report by mentioning the Library's booth in Children's Alley at this year's Peach Festival that saw fewer people than last year.

With no further discussions, Mr. Pyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.