

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HELD ON  
June 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday June 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and in person in the board room at New Main.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. B. King
Mr. C. Erlewine	Ms. B. Malkin
Ms. S. Haden	Ms. S. Shumate
Ms. J. Hall	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Mr. J. Holliday	Ms. D. Sonis
Mr. T. Hurney	Dr. K. Sullivan
Mr. J. Jarrett	Mr. B. Thomas

Library Foundation Board members present: Mr. Bryan Cokeley

KCPL staff members present: Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Marsha Alford, Ms. Jennifer Meddings, Mr. Jay Raber, Mr. Steve Mills, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Teddy Claypool, Ms. Terri McDougal, Ms. Julianne Yacovone, Ms. Terri McDougal, and Mr. Michael Polak.

Others in attendance: Mr. Chris Winton, library counsel.

Mr. Thomas reported over the meeting. After reporting a present quorum, he called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the minutes from the meeting on May 12, 2025 were approved as distributed in the Board packet.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Connelly featured the Library's Technical Services Department in her report for the month. Tech Services oversees the selection, ordering, and processing of all the Library system's materials. Their focus in recent months was spending out their fiscal Budget. They focused on filling gaps including a large purchase for the video game collection.

KCPL's Summer Library Club had a successful kickoff weekend with 360 people attending programs at the Main Branch. The city provided the Library two large murals for the Capitol Street entrance for the annual Festival celebrations.

## **Action Items**

### **1.) Approval of 25-26 Fiscal Year Budget**

The first action item on the agenda was the Library's budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Ms. Connelly summarized highlights for the Board focusing on increased healthcare costs, annual Levy projections, deferred maintenance projects, and collection costs. The financial affairs and personnel committee reviewed and approved this draft in a joint meeting.

As the review concluded, the Board APPROVED the budget with a vote, and the following went into the record:

RESOLVED, that the Kanawha County Public Library ADOPT the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

### **2.) Approval of Board Member Term Renewals**

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Ms. Haden read a resolution into the record affirming new terms for four board members.

RESOLVED that Mr. John Auge, Mr. Tom Hurney, Ms. Susan Shumate, and Ms. Anne Silbernagel, recommended to the Kanawha County Board of Education for reappointment to a six-year term as Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library, with such six-year terms to end June 30, 2031.

This resolution passed unanimously without further discussion.

## **Reports of Committees**

### **1.) The Library Foundation of Kanawha County**

The President of the Library Foundation, Mr. Cokeley, reviewed his board's meeting in early June. The Foundation welcomed five of its six brand new members. The Foundation is preparing to assist with fundraising for a new branch in the Eastern part of Kanawha County.

## **New Business**

Ms. Silbernagel reported that at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on July 7<sup>th</sup>, a resolution affirming officers will be read into the record. The 25-26 fiscal year officers will be the same as the 24-25.

Mr. Thomas will serve as President, Ms. Haden will serve as Vice President, and Ms. King will serve as Second President.

Ms. Connelly will be gathering with the Legal Affairs committee for a special meeting later in June.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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President

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Secretary