

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD ON  
AUGUST 11, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday August 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and in person in Room 311 C at New Main. After the regular meeting, the Board continued its Annual Meeting from July. Two Library community partners – the West Virginia Humanities Council and the West Virginia Youth Science Academy presented after the meeting.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Ms. J. Hall	Ms. D. Sonis
Mr. T. Hurney	Dr. K. Sullivan
Ms. J. Jarrett	Ms. C. Tawney
Ms. B. King	Mr. B. Thomas
Mr. L. Moore	Dr. R. Wallace

Others in attendance: Ms. Jane Shepherd, Friends of the Library Steering Committee; Ms. Anna Campbell, Elk Valley Advisory Board; Mr. Chris Winton, library counsel.

Guests from the WV Humanities Council: Ms. Katie Morris, Mr. Eric Waggoner, and Mr. Kyle Warmack.

Guests from the West Virginia Youth Science Academy: Dr. Ryan Haupt and Ms. Sara Slack

KCPL staff members present: Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Marsha Alford, Ms. Jen Meddings, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Steve Mills, Ms. Susan Murphy, Mr. Jay Raber, Mr. Ben Ball, Ms. Terri McDougal, Ms. Julianne Yacovone, Ms. Ellie Teaford, Ms. Gabby Cochrane, Ms. Melissa Burchette, Ms. Susan Bailey, Mr. Robby Dingess, Mr. Michael Polak

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 Board APPROVED two sets of minutes, the regular June 9, 2025 meeting and the Annual July 7, 2025 meeting.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Connelly stated that she would keep her comments brief so that the community partners had plenty of time for their presentations. She overviewed the Library's upcoming 2024-25 Annual Report, during the fiscal year, KCPL had over 325,000 visitors to all locations and presently has over 67,000 card holders.

Mr. Thomas thanked the entire KCPL team and the Board for a very successful year.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### **1.) Special Eastern Region**

Mr. Thomas stated that the committee is working with Realtor Todd Goldman of Goldman Associates Inc. to conduct preliminary site evaluations for the planned new regional branch in Eastern Kanawha. As work on the project ramps up, the committee will meet regularly on the third Monday of each month for the foreseeable future.

#### **2.) Financial Affairs**

Mr. Hurney and the Financial Affairs committee met for an hour and a half in the beginning of August and reviewed full bank statements of Library accounts. In September, the committee plans to meet with auditors and will present a comprehensive review of the audit at the October board meeting.

#### **3.) Library Foundation of Kanawha County**

In Mr. Cokeley's absence, Mr. Thomas briefly reviewed the status of the Library Foundation. New member Mr. Bob Welty started a new subcommittee to coordinate foundation funds and create a new invest policy for their board.

### **Old Business**

Ms. King previewed an upcoming project for the September board meeting. A new packet of personnel policies will be presented to the Board for approval.

### **New Business**

Mr. Thomas overviewed several documents in the Board's packet. The 2025-26 Board Committee Roster, and the calendar schedule for both full Board and committee meetings. To streamline committee meetings, each are scheduled on Mondays at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Mr. Thomas then introduced the guest speakers.