



**Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Camas Public Library, 625 NE 4th Avenue**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6.30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Marilyn Boerke, Emilia Brasier, Samantha Horner, Rosemary Knapp, Christopher Knipes, Kerry Ticknor, Jessie Wimer, Connie Urquhart.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the public's opportunity to comment about any item on the agenda, including items up for final action.

There were no public comments.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Nary a one.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the June Meeting Minutes.

Jessie made the motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes; Rosemary seconded her motion. None were opposed.

VI. EXPENDITURES APPROVAL

Approval of the June & July Expenditures.

The June & July Expenditures were approved by Jessie and Sami prior to the meeting.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS**A. Building Updates**

The City hired a new Procurement Specialist that we met with this week. Things are back on track, and we will meet with Johnston Architects in two weeks to start the bidding process anew. While back on track, due to the in-depth nature of the process, we are still looking at around 10 weeks before the bid is final.

VIII. REPORTS**A. *Friends & Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL).***

The next meeting is on September 25. Things are moving along nicely. The sales at *Camas Days* were a little less than at the *Mother's Day Sale*, but still respectable at \$5,800. The Mystery Wrapped Books were a big hit and sold out quickly. The books themselves have affixed tags that indicate their genre. The team quickly secured more from the Library basement and wrapped them; they sold out immediately as well.

B. *Personnel.*

Intern Susan Nail will be joining the team in September. She will be on the Service Desk on Wednesday nights, partnering with Vanessa Perger on the 1:1 Tech Help program, and also working with Elliot Stapleton on Outreach.

C. *Policy.*

Connie reviewed updates to Selection Policy 4.1, which speak to donations of self-published books from local authors, who ask that they be added to the Library's collection. With limited space and quality standards to uphold, this may not always be feasible.

Key tenets that address this issue are as follows:

1. Reviews for these self-published titles must be from reputable sources that reflect professional judgement.
2. These titles must be available through established library distributors.
3. The caliber of writing must meet Library standards.
4. There must be a strong demand for the title: it should not be a niche genre.

Rosemary made the motion to approve the revisions; Sami seconded her motion. None were opposed.

D. *Second Story Gallery (SSG).*

Nothing to share currently.

E. *Trustee Reports.*

Nothing to share currently.

IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. A big and exciting update from the Wimer House: Sloane will become a big sister in January.
2. Connie shared the presentation *Partnerships for Vibrant Communities: Libraries + Parks & Rec in the City of Camas*. This was an overview of how and why libraries and parks & recreation divisions of a city are working, and can work, together for the greater good of the community. It aligns with the City of Camas Strategic Plan, which Connie and new Parks & Rec Director Chris Witkowski have begun partnering on.

The reasons for a partnership of this bent include the following:

- Extend each other's reach and audience.
- Combine literacy, lifelong learning, and recreation.
- Year-round engagement + Camas green spaces.
- Maximize the use of taxpayer-funded resources.
- Foster physical, mental, and social well-being.
- Stronger community identity.

Partnering can also allow for the sharing of facilities, which reduces operational costs, and the sharing of administrative costs.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is September 18, 2025.

XI. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 7: 27 p.m.