

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
April 16, 2025

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Community Room of the Independence Public Library.

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Nancy Dodge, Emily Ownby, Matt Rittgers, Deb Clark, and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Michele Nejd, Deputy Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Robin Bleichner at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Emily Ownby and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the minutes with the changes mentioned. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Matt Rittgers to approve the March bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Great participation with the Library Events with One Book Indee 2025.

New Business

Meeting Room Policy

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the policy as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Miscellaneous

Legislative Update

Laura gave us updated information on the Libraries and Museums Bill.

BCCF Grant Update

Grant submitted 4/15/25 for a seating area/shade and programing area in front Oaklee for events outside.

Facility Update

Light switches and wiring are done.

The sprinkler system has some leaks. Testing was done, an air switch was replaced, and new couplings are going to be installed. The hope is that the expense won't be more than \$5,000. The CIP positive fund balance will be used to cover the cost.

Tax Aide Volunteers

Volunteers for 2025 tax year. The board was given the opportunity to consider who might be a good fit to help with the tax prep. They need to be detail-oriented and computer-proficient. Volunteers would be provided 16 hours of training.

Board Training

Trustee Talking Point-Legal Odds and Ends

Board and Staff Reports

Laura - The registry for summer reading program prizes will be advertised and available online soon. There were comments made about the library during the public hearing prior to the vote for the FY2026 budget. Discussed posts on social media about the library and whether responses are warranted. Decided that decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark

Secretary