

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. — Public Library

November 18, 2025

The Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting. President John White called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members present: John White, Deanna Ratts Boyd, Jamie Cox, Bill Richardson, Julie Mieure, Betsy Loeb and Joan Brian.

Library Director: Dianne Brumley

Guests: David Weger

Approval of Minutes: Jamie made a motion to approve the October minutes, Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report: David Weger noted an insurance refund of \$621 was received along with a property tax check of \$196,276.42.

Claims: Jamie made a motion to accept the claims, Joan seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

Director's Report: Dianne reported Hoopla usage keeps increasing. The replacement tax check of \$1,331.74 was deposited. The library received a \$400 memorial donation from Wanda Labounty's family. The funds will be used to purchase new books. Dianne and Youth Director Jennifer Buchanan attended a Narcan training webinar. The recorded training will be shared with the rest of the staff. She reported the computer labs receive steady use.

Dianne discussed annual training requirements for trustees and staff. She will send a link for the Sexual Harassment training. Trustees beginning new terms also will need to complete Open Meetings Act training.

Unfinished Business

FY2026 Per Capita Grant Application: Dianne discussed the next grant application and requirements. The library receives around \$22,000 each year through the grant. The state looks at library standards and what things libraries are doing. The grant application is due before the end of January.

New Business

Levy Ordinance No. 25-3: David Weger discussed the ordinance, which includes a 5 percent increase. Tax monies collected will go into the General and Building Fund. Jamie made a motion to approve the ordinance. Bill seconded. Motion was approved on a roll call vote.

December Meeting: John noted in the past the board has not met in December. It was decided to dispense with the December meeting.

2026 Meeting Dates: Dianne distributed 2026 board meeting dates. It was agreed that monthly meetings will continue to be held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Property: John noted the city has acquired several properties that will be coming up for bid. Among the properties owned by the city, is an empty lot near the library. It was agreed to have John inquire about the lot and the bidding process.

Unfinished Business

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd