

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
7 p.m. — Public Library
January 20, 2026

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, Julie Mieure, Betsy Loeb and Joan Brian. Library Director: Dianne Brumley
Guest: David Weger
Absent: Bill Richardson

Approval of Minutes: Jamie made a motion to approve the minutes, with an amendment noting the board will not meet on March 17 due to the primary election falling on that date. Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report: David Weger noted that \$22,000 more had been taken in than spent in the General Fund.

Claims: Dianne noted the claims included \$1,298.13 to Otis Elevator for repairs to the lift. Jamie made a motion to accept the claims, Joan seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

Director's Report: Dianne noted that November and December had been slow. The second property tax check for \$97,908.57 had been received along with the \$1,277.40 replacement tax check. The Technology Grant quarterly report and the Per Capita Grant application were both submitted. She also completed HRSource's Harassment Prevention Training for Managers. Dianne reported the Illinois State Library will be changing the Illinois Public Library Annual Report and she will attend a webinar this month to learn more about the new process.

Youth and Program Director's Report: The Winter Reading Challenge is underway with 44 people signed up. Despite the weather and illnesses, the regular programs are doing well.

FY2026 Per Capita Grant Application and Goals for 2026: Dianne discussed the Strategic Plan. She noted financial goals will be discussed during the finance meeting. She plans to bring a Programming Policy to the board. Also, changes are being made in the evaluation process.

Unfinished Business

Property: John updated the board on the sale of city-acquired properties. The city will notify him when bids will be accepted for the property near the library.

New Business

Credit Card Authorization: Dianne requested Youth and Program Director Jennifer Buchanan be added as an authorized user for the library's credit card. Jamie made a motion to approve the request, Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd