



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees

January 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield-Greene County Library District met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at The Library Center. The Trustees in attendance were Mar'Ellen Felin, Stacey Penney, Clinton Beecham, Rachel Morrow, Aaron Jones, James Nevins, and David Yancey.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Jones moved and Nevins seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

Public Comment

Elizabeth Patrick requested to address the Board concerning her proposal for an AI Author Policy. Patrick did not attend the meeting but intended to share an article with the Board. If the article is received, Kayla Pike will send it to the Board.

Building and Grounds Committee

Penney presented the committee report discussing updates presented to the Building and Grounds Committee on The Library Center, the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, The Strafford Branch, and Midtown. The Midtown opening has been delayed until the end of March or early April.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Penney presented the committee report, discussing budget preparation for FY2026 concerning Proposition A and new staffing needs. A preliminary discussion around personnel will take place at the Board meeting in February. Penney presented highlights from the December 2024 Financial Report. The library is projecting 7.9% under budget. The potential need to seek a tax rate increase and the process for conducting a campaign was presented as an informational item.

Programs, Services, and Technology Committee

Lisa Sampley gave a brief presentation about Collections Services, focusing on the budget. Kayla Pike will send a copy of the presentation to all Board members.

Executive Director's Monthly Report

Walton reviewed highlights from his prepared report.

- The Strategic Planning Task Force is up and running. The Board will receive a survey to complete to aid in the strategic planning process.
- Walton attended the Springfield Metro Partners Salute to Missouri Legislators at the capital. Walton plans to speak with the Secretary of State on February 4, 2025.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

- Pre-Covid data was added into the December Statistical Report for reference. Traffic continues to be significantly higher at Park Central and The Library Station.
- The Sunshine Law Seminar will take place on January 28, 2025 in The Library Center Auditorium, at 3:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous Items of Business

No report.

Morrow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nevins seconded. Motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.