



Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes from January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees held its January regular meeting at the Cumming Library on January 21, 2025. Present were Board members Christy Winters (Chair), Jakima McCall, Lisa Stortzum, Kathy Thomas, and Flo Valdes. Also present were Adrienne Junius (Director), Anna Lyle (Director), Holly Barfield, Ann Decherd, Jeff Fisher, Tonya Wallace, and Nikki Watkins. Travis Jaudon with the *Forsyth County News* was also present.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Christy Winters called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Flo Valdes to adopt the Agenda as amended:

- Move Item #3 (Signature Authority of Library Director) to the #1 Position

Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

III. Announcements

On behalf of the Board, Christy Winters welcomed new Library Director Adrienne Junius to her first official Board meeting.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

There was a motion by Kathy Thomas and a second by Lisa Stortzum to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2024, Library Board regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

V. Items Discussed

1. Signature authority of Library Director on behalf of the Library

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Kathy Thomas to *give signature authority for all contracts and other documents to Adrienne Junius, who holds the position of Director.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

2. Activities Report

Deputy Director Ann Dechard presented the report on Public Services activities for November/December 2024.

3. Denmark Library Update

IT & Facilities Manager Holly Barfield shared current photos of the project.

4. Fees for copying and printing

There was a motion by Kathy Thomas and a second by Lisa Stortzum *to increase black-and-white printing fees from \$0.15 to \$0.25 per side and color printing fees from \$0.50 to \$0.60 per side, effective February 3, 2025.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

5. Fiscal Year 2025 budget adjustments

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters *to reduce Donations revenue and Operations expenses by \$9,450.00 to reflect the amount of the unused Forsyth County Arts Alliance grant funds returned to the North Georgia Community Foundation.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Kathy Thomas *to reduce Federal revenue and Operations expenses by \$14,271.60 to reflect the portion of the Digital Connectivity Grant that will be available in FY2026. Approval to increase Materials and reduce Operations expenses by \$30,883.90 to reflect the portion of the grant that will be used for items to be added to the materials collection.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

6. Fiscal Year 2026 FCPL budget

There was discussion regarding FCPL's Fiscal Year 2026 proposed budget as presented. Review of the budget will continue at the Board's February 10, 2025, regular meeting.

7. 2026 County budget request

With this being the first FCPL budget cycle for two Board members and the Director, staff felt it might be premature to make an official recommendation about the County request at the January meeting.

8. Financial reports

Tonya Wallace, Finance Manager, explained the key points of the November 30, 2024, budget report and balance sheet, as well as the construction project report for the Denmark Library.

VI. General Discussion

No discussion.

VII. Adjournment

There was a motion by Flo Valdes and a second by Christy Winters to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees will be February 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Library, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040.