



## **Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes from March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees held its March regular meeting at the Cumming Library on March 17, 2025. Present were Board members Christy Winters (Chair), Jakima McCall, Kathy Thomas, and Flo Valdes. Lisa Stortzum arrived at 5:36 p.m. Also present were Adrianne Junius (Director), Holly Barfield, Ann Decherd, Tonya Wallace, and Nikki Watkins.

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

Christy Winters called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **II. Adoption of Agenda**

There was a motion by Kathy Thomas and a second by Flo Valdez to adopt the Agenda without amendments. Motion carried unanimously with four Board members in favor (McCall, Valdes, Thomas, and Winters) and one member absent (Stortzum).

*Lisa Stortzum arrived at the meeting at 5:36 p.m.*

### **III. Announcements**

No announcements.

### **IV. Adoption of Minutes**

There was a motion by Flo Valdes and a second by Jakima McCall to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Library Board regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

### **V. Items Discussed**

#### **1. Activities Report**

FCPL Communications Manager Leslie Marinelli presented the report on Public Services activities for January/February 2025.

#### **2. Denmark Library**

Adrianne Junius updated the Board on progress achieved toward opening Denmark Library.

**3. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adjustments**

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Flo Valdes *to increase State revenue and Operations expenses by \$1,500.00 to reflect FCPL's share of a GPLS grant from the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Flo Valdes and a second by Lisa Stortzum *to increase Donations revenue and Operations expenses by \$250.00 to reflect a donation from the Forsyth County Public Library Friends and Advocates for expenses related to Anna Lyle's retirement reception.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Kathy Thomas *to increase Donations revenue and Operations expenses by \$374.41 to reflect a donation from OneForsyth for the Lunar New Year program at Sharon Forks Library.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Kathy Thomas and a second by Christy Winters *to increase Donations revenue and Operations expenses by \$5,000.00 to reflect a grant from the Rotary Club of Forsyth County for summer reading books and prizes.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

**4. Annual Patron Debt Write-Off**

There was a motion by Kathy Thomas and a second by Flo Valdes *to write off \$33,880.02 in patron debt remaining from 2021.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

**5. Change in Library Behavior Policy**

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Jakima McCall *to approve the revised Library Behavior policy, effective March 18, 2025.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

**6. Fiscal Year 2026 FCPL Budget**

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Kathy Thomas *to approve FCPL's Fiscal Year 2026 proposed budget as presented, including revenues of \$11,225,872.00, expenditures of \$11,693,866.00, reserves of \$350,800.00, and \$818,794.00 in budgetary fund balance.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

**7. 2026 County Budget Request**

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Lisa Stortzum *to approve the Library's calendar year 2026 County funding request as presented.* Motion carried unanimously, with all Board members present.

**8. Financial Reports**

FCPL Finance Manager Tonya Wallace presented the FY2025 financial report for the period ending January 31, 2025.

**VI. General Discussion**

Adrienne Junius provided a Printing Policy update and a Georgia legislative session update.

**VII. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Flo Valdes and a second by Christy Winters *to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 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 May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Library, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040.