



Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes from January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting

The Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees held its January meeting at the Cumming Library on January 20, 2026. Present were Board members Flo Valdes (Chair), Traci Priego, Lisa Stortzum, and Christy Winters. Jakima McCall was absent. Also present were Adrienne Junius (Director), Holly Barfield, Meredith Causey, Ann Decherd, Tonya Wallace, and other staff members.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Flo Valdes called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to adopt the Agenda with no amendments. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

III. Announcements

Adrienne Junius shared the Fall 2025 *Library News* magazine by Georgia Public Library System (GPLS), which highlights the economic value of Georgia's public libraries and features Forsyth County Public Library volunteer Bruce Koehler.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Lisa Stortzum to adopt the November 17, 2025, regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

V. Director's Reports

1. Public Services Activities Report

Deputy Director Ann Decherd presented the report on Public Services activities for November/December 2025.

Adrienne Junius acknowledged the high program attendance and rise in social media engagement.

2. FCPL Friends and Advocates Report

Director Adrienne Junius presented the FCPL Friends and Advocates Report, highlighting their November 2025 Fall Celebration Lunch, where they celebrated their

accomplishments from the year and set goals for 2026.

3. Financial Reports

Director of Support Services Tonya Wallace presented the financial report for the Library's General Fund and the Denmark Construction Fund.

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters to adopt the Library's General Fund financial report. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to adopt the Denmark Construction Fund financial report. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

4. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and AUP Reports

Director of Support Services Tonya Wallace presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and AUP Reports.

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Lisa Stortzum to accept the Library's Fiscal Year 2025 audit as presented. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to accept the Library's Fiscal Year 2025 AUP as presented. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

VI. Items to Be Discussed

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustment

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to increase Federal revenue and Operations by \$37,066.50 to reflect additional funds received through the Digital Connectivity Grant. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Lisa Stortzum to increase State revenue and Operations by \$1,750.00 to reflect additional MRR Grant funds received. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

2. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to move the FY2027 Budget to the February 9, 2026, Library Board Meeting. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

3. 2027 County Budget Request

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters to move the CY2027 Forsyth County Budget request to the February 9, 2026, Library Board Meeting. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

4. MOU between FCPL and FCPL Friends and Advocates

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to approve the updated MOU between Forsyth County Public Library and the Forsyth County Public Library Friends and Advocates. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

5. Post Road Library Road Widening Project

Holly Barfield, Director of IT and Facilities, presented an update on the Post Road Library road widening project. Vendor quotes are ongoing, and the formal packet is being assembled for Board approval at the February 9, 2026, Library Board Meeting. The project is scheduled to start in August–September 2026 and is expected to take 4 years to complete.

VII. General Discussion

Adrienne Junius discussed a plan for reviewing the FCPL Constitution and Bylaws, and presented suggestions for updates. The deadline to complete the review is in May.

Two patrons addressed the Board with a proposal to add vending machines to the branches. Adrienne Junius will provide the Board with more information on the history and logistics of vending machines at FCPL, and Flo Valdes suggested discussing further at the regular Board meeting on March 16, 2026.

VIII. Executive Session for Library Director's annual performance

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to enter into an executive session at 6:45 p.m. for the discussion of litigation, land acquisition, or personnel matters as described in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

IX. Reconvene

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Lisa Stortzum to reconvene from executive session at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

X. Library Director's Compensation

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to approve of the Library Director's salary as presented retroactive to January 1, 2026. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

XI. Adjournment

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried with four members in favor (Valdes, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (McCall).

Approved February 9, 2026

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Library, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040, for the purpose of Budget and Financial Planning.