



Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes from March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

The Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees held its March meeting at the Cumming Library on March 16, 2026. Present were Board members Flo Valdes (Chair), Jakima McCall, Traci Priego, Lisa Stortzum, and Christy Winters. 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 5:30 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Lisa Stortzum to adopt the Agenda with no amendments. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

III. Announcements

Flo Valdes began the meeting by recognizing everyone who was involved in the success of the Forsyth Reads Together event.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Jakima McCall to adopt the February 9, 2026, regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

V. Director's Reports

1. Public Services Activities Report

Deputy Director Ann Decherd presented the Public Service Activities Report for January and February. Highlights included the Winter Reading Challenge, Lunar New Year, and Forsyth Reads Together. She thanked Programming Manager Sarah Brubaker for organizing Forsyth Reads Together and announced that April is the deadline to submit a grant request to the Forsyth County Arts Alliance for the 2027 Forsyth Reads Together event. She concluded by presenting the Board with the 2025 Annual Report and thanked Communications Manager Leslie Marinelli for creating it.

2. FCPL Friends and Advocates Report

Director Adrienne Junius presented the FCPL Friends and Advocates Report, highlighting their support at the Forsyth Reads Together event. She also recognized them for their involvement in the Denmark Library marketing grant, in which patrons

can present a postcard for a free book (up to \$3.00 in value) at the Denmark Library Friends Bookstore.

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 Jakima McCall and a second by Lisa Stortzum to adopt the Library's General Fund financial report. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to adopt the Denmark Construction Fund financial report. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

VI. Items to Be Discussed

Unfinished Business

1. Vending Machine usage staff report

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters to inform the patrons who presented at the January 20, 2026, Board meeting that FCPL will not pursue RFPs for vending machines inside Library buildings at this time. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

New Business

2. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustments

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to approve an increase in Donations revenue and Operations expenses by \$3,190.24 to reflect a donation from the Forsyth County Public Library Friends and Advocates for the Lunar New Year program at Sharon Forks Library. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Jakima McCall to approve an increase in State revenue and Operations expenses by \$25.00 to reflect FCPL's additional 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 Jakima McCall and a second by Lisa Stortzum to approve an increase in 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.

3. Annual Patron Debt Write-off

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to write off \$32,049.95 in patron debt remaining from 2022. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

4. Commendation Letter of the FCPL Friends and Advocates

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters for the approval of the 2026 Commendation of the FCPL Friends and Advocates. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

VII. General Discussion

Adrienne Junius presented recommended changes to the Bylaws and Constitution of FCPL. Key updates include adjusting Article VIII in the Constitution to give the Library Director authority to sign contracts, and adjusting the language of the Board Secretary/Treasurer role in the Bylaws to grant approval to contact funders if appropriations are not fully paid. Adrienne also reported that attorney Ken Jarrard advised against changing teleconference guidelines for Board meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Traci Priego to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members present.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Library, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040.