



## **Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes from May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting**

The Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees held its May meeting at the Cumming Library on May 18, 2026. Present were Board members Lisa Stortzum (Vice Chair), Jakima McCall, Traci Priego, and Christy Winters. Flo Valdes (Chair) was absent. Also present were Adrienne Junius (Director), Holly Barfield, Meredith Causey, Tonya Wallace, and other staff members.

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

Lisa Stortzum called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

### **III. Announcements**

Adrienne Junius introduced Leigh Ann Holdridge, Employee Relations, to the Board and announced that FCPL will be partnering with Forsyth County Schools and the USDA to provide free snacks for children ages 18 and under during select summer programs at the Cumming Library.

### **IV. Adoption of March 16, 2026, Library Board Regular Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Christy Winters to adopt the March 16, 2026, regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

### **V. Director's Reports**

#### **1. Public Services Activities Report**

Communications Manager Leslie Marinelli presented the Public Service Activities Report for March and April. Highlights included spring break programs, teen leadership programs, CSA Training Day, Volunteer Appreciation Day, and updates on the Georgia Reads for America 250 challenge.

She gave a detailed look at upcoming program series, goals for the Summer Reading Challenge, and two special author events. Leslie concluded her presentation by providing the Board with copies of the 2026 Summer Magazine as well as SRC lanyards and pins.

**2. FCPL Friends and Advocates Report**

Director Adrienne Junius presented the FCPL Friends and Advocates Report, highlighting their gratitude for the commendation letter from the Board, and their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 5, 2026. She shared that the Friends will have sidewalk sales this summer to raise funds.

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

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

**VI. Items to Be Discussed**

***Unfinished Business***

**1. Revision of FCPL Friends and Advocates MOU**

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Christy Winters to adopt the revised Memorandum of Understanding between Forsyth County Public Library and Forsyth County Public Library Friends and Advocates with an addition of minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance, \$5,000 in property insurance, \$50,000 accident insurance, and \$1,000,000 in Director and Officer (D&O) insurance, effective May 19, 2026. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

***New Business***

**2. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustment(s)**

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Jakima McCall to increase County revenue by \$106,717 to reflect the funds received for construction and repair costs related to the Post Road widening project. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to increase State revenue and Personnel expenditures by \$8,516 to reflect the supplemental pay for state allocated positions. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to increase Donations revenue and Operations expenditures by \$5,280.46 to reflect a donation from the Forsyth County Public Library Friends and Advocates for the Summer Reading Magazine and the Forsyth Reads Together youth event. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Lisa Stortzum to increase Donations revenue and Operations expenditures by \$3,000 to reflect donations from the

North Georgia Community Foundation Fund to be used for the printing of the Summer Reading Magazine. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to increase Donations revenue and Materials expenditures by \$350 to reflect a donation for Bookmobile materials received from First Baptist Church of Cumming. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**3. Transfer of Denmark Construction Funds to Fund Balance**

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Jakima McCall to transfer \$334,000 from Capital Project Fund Balance to General Fund Balance. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**4. Proposed Commitment of Fund Balance**

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to commit \$58,000 in Fund Balance for Post Road Library AV system replacement. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Lisa Stortzum to commit \$55,000 in Fund Balance for facilities projects. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Traci Priego to commit \$106,717 in Fund Balance for the Post Road Library monument and road widening project. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to commit \$60,000 in Fund Balance for facility/IT replacements. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Jakima McCall to commit \$20,000 in Fund Balance for vehicle purchases. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**5. Revision of CY2027 County Budget Request**

There was a motion by Jakima McCall and a second by Lisa Stortzum to amend the CY2027 County request as presented. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**6. Fiscal Year 2027 Signature Authority**

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters for Adrienne Junius, Library Director, to have signature authority for FY2027. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**7. Fiscal Year 2027 Schedule of Meetings**

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to approve the meeting dates for FY2027 Forsyth County Library Board. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**8. Amendment to Forsyth County Public Library Constitution**

There was a motion by Lisa Stortzum and a second by Christy Winters to amend the Library Constitution of Forsyth County Public Library as presented. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**9. Amendment to Forsyth County Public Library Bylaws**

There was a motion by Traci Priego and a second by Christy Winters to amend the Library Bylaws of Forsyth County Public Library as presented. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

**VII. General Discussion**

Vice Chair Lisa Stortzum announced that it was Christy Winters' last meeting and thanked her for her eight years of service. Christy expressed her gratitude for FCPL staff and her love for the Library, stating that she will still be around as a "super user." Director Adrienne Junius thanked Christy for her contributions to the Library's growth and presented her with a card and gift.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Christy Winters and a second by Lisa Stortzum to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried with four members in favor (McCall, Priego, Stortzum, and Winters) and one member absent (Valdes).

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forsyth County Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, July 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Library, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040.