

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 18, 2025
4:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Susan Finke Scott, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Jorck

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 21, 2025 Board Meetings were reviewed. Doup-Pandit noted that Gron was absent, and Frazier chaired the meeting. She moved and Frazier seconded approval as corrected. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 551 through 639 in the amount of \$492,380.30. Hatton made note of some claims. Wilkerson moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay claims as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

- A. As a carryover from last meeting, after board and staff discussed the name of the new branch on the east side of Columbus with members of the community. All agreed that Hatton the official name of the new branch should be Eastside Branch to match Hope Branch. Hack moved and Frazier seconded the adoption of Eastside Branch as the name for this location. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- A. Hatton presented his Director's report. He gave an update on the 2026 budget as income is expected to be significantly down from 2025 levels. Work is continuing to get as much information as possible. A public hearing will be held at the September Board meeting and adoption is set to occur in October. Employee health insurance will also need to be addressed as costs increased from last year as well.

Hatton gave updates on the renovations at Hope and Eastside. Both will be starting soon with estimated completions later this fall. Also, the Downtown location will not

be receiving a National Historic Landmark status as was hoped.

Vanessa Martin, Director of the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library, was hired as the new Adult Services Manager. She will begin September 15.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President