

**GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

August 25, 2025

Present: Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Dr. Gene Beckner, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mrs. Stephanie Cunningham, Mr. James Hoard, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mrs. Marcia Moston, Mrs. Kristen Odom (via conference phone), Mr. Joe Poore, and Mr. S. Allan Hill, presiding.

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Baxter

Library System Managers Present: Don Allen, Finance Manager; Ray Arnett, Branch Library Services Manager; Jerry Osteen, Information Technology Manager; Jennifer Pinkerman, Youth Services Manager; Rick Silvers, Facilities Maintenance Manager; Beverly James, Executive Director; and Tammy Brinck, Administrative Coordinator, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:00p.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Collins gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hill called for the approval of the minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, July 28, 2025. Mr. Hoard moved to approve. Mr. Hughes seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Request for Use of Contingency Funds

Mr. Hill called on Ms. James who stated that she was requesting use of \$38,000 in contingency funds to cover 12 replacement cash registers, components, and associated credit card terminals. Half of our locations do not have working credit card terminals. The technology is no longer supported.

Elizabeth Collins inquired if the technology was out of date. Mr. Osteen replied that the terminals had stopped working due to not receiving updates and must be replaced. Mr. Hill asked how long we've had the equipment and Mr. Osteen replied we've had it for five years. Mr. Hoard moved to approve the use of \$38,000 in contingency funds as presented. Mr. Poore seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Other

Ms. James called attention to the new bookmarks at each trustee's place and passed around library cards with new designs. Mr. Hill remarked that if you get a new card, you get a new number.

Ms. James stated that Summer Reading had been successful with a 10% increase in the number of registrations over last year and a 17% increase in the number of completions. Nearly 8,000 registered and over 5700 completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hoard inquired about the Blue Ridge Branch, seeking an opening date. Ms. James replied that shelving and furniture are scheduled to arrive in September. An October opening is hoped for, but a specific date has not been selected. Mr. Hill remarked that openings are usually on Sundays.

Mr. Allen said carpet and equipment are in and we are waiting on a fresh air unit. Sod and bushes are also in place. September will be shelving installation, followed by the shelving of books and additional equipment installation.

Mr. Hoard inquired about the new Pelham Road/East North Street location. Ms. James stated there had been a couple of meetings with the architect regarding material collection sizes and desired space allocations, but no layouts have been determined at this time.

Mr. Hill spoke of the calls he has received from people who do not want us to close the existing Pelham Road branch. Ms. James noted that the Pelham Road location is busy and at capacity. Sometimes we have to turn people away from programs when attendance exceeds occupancy limits.

Mr. Hill also noted that we had considered other property on Pelham Road where the new veteran's center is but it was not structurally able to support the weight of shelving.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Collins moved to adjourn. Mr. Aufmuth seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11p.

S. Allan Hill
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Tammy Brinck
Recording Secretary