0GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

October 27, 2025

Present: Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Mr. Kenneth Baxter, Dr. Gene Beckner, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mrs. Stephanie Cunningham, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mrs. Marcia Moston, Mrs. Kristen Odom, Mr. Joe Poore, and Mr. S. Allan Hill, presiding.

Absent: Mr. James Hoard

Library System Managers Present: Don Allen, Finance Manager; Ray Arnett, Branch Library Services Manager; Brian Morrison, Adult Services Director; Jerry Osteen, Information Technology Manager; Jennifer Pinkerman, Youth Services Manager; Beverly James, Executive Director; and Jill Cornwell, Administrative Projects Manager, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:00p and Mrs. Cunningham gave the invocation.

Mr. Hill informed trustees present about County Council Chairman, Benton Blount's newsletter and encouraged members to be aware of it as a resource.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Hill called for the approval of the minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, September 22, 2025. Mr. Poore so moved. Mr. Baxter seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT
Mr. Hill called on Matt Phillips who provided a PowerPoint presentation of the *Financial Audit Year Ended June 30, 2025*. He reported that the Library System's financial statements are fairly stated in all material aspects and noted a "clean, unmodified opinion" of the financial statements which is the best opinion the Library System could receive.

Following the presentation, Mr. Poore noted, and Mr. Allen confirmed, that the last debt service payment on Library System bonds was made in April 2025.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
Mrs. Collins reported that the Operations Committee met on 10/13/25 to conduct Ms. James' annual performance evaluation stating that no action was taken. She thanked the committee and trustees for their participation in the review. She recognized Ms. James for her work this past year and thanked her for serving as Executive Director for another year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
<u>Request for Use of Capital Funds</u>
Ms. James stated that the Request for Use of Capital Funds was for $103,420 to cover the cost of replacing outdated and no longer supported equipment to maintain the technology in the Main Library meeting rooms which is used with library programs held in the Main Library meeting rooms and by the public who reserves the space. Ms. James added that the request was time sensitive since no sound would be available in the meeting rooms if the microphone receivers failed and audio and video capabilities will no longer be available if the digital signal processor failed. Mr. Poore moved, and Mrs. Collins seconded, to approve the requested amount as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Request for Use of Contingency Funds
Ms. James stated that the Request for Use of Contingency Funds was for a not to exceed amount of $250,000 for expenses related to the matter of Rogers, Galea and Clark et al v. Greenville County Library System, James and Allen. Mrs. Collins moved, and Mr. Poore seconded, to approve the amount as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business. Mr. Hill acknowledged that this was the next to last regularly scheduled Library Board of Trustees meeting for Mrs. Odom as she was not reapplying for a Board of Trustees appointment.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Collins so moved. Mr. Aufmuth seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:16p.

Following adjournment, Mr. Hill reminded those present that the Nominating Committee was scheduled to meet on 11/3/25, and to let Mrs. Odom, Chair of the Nominating Committee, know if they were interested in serving as an officer on the Board.

S. Allan Hill	Beverly James	Jill Cornwell
Chair, Board of Trustees	Executive Director	Recording Secretary