

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

November 17, 2025

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

Absent: Dr. Gene Beckner

Library System Managers Present: Don Allen, Finance Manager; Ray Arnett, Branch Library Services Manager; Brian Morrison, Adult Services Director; Jennifer Pinkerman, Youth Services Manager; Rick Silvers, Facilities Maintenance 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 12:01p and Mr. Hughes gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hill called for the approval of the minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, October 27, 2025. Mr. Poore so moved. Mrs. Collins seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

LIBRARY NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Odom announced the nominations for the proposed Library Board of Trustees Slate of Officers for December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026 as follows:

Secretary – Stephanie Cunningham
Treasurer – James Hoard
Vice Chair – Elizabeth Collins
Chair – Allan Hill

Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mr. Hill asked for those in favor to indicate in the affirmative. All were in favor and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Calendar Year 2026 Library Board of Trustees Regularly Schedule Meeting Dates

Ms. James referred to the draft of regularly scheduled meeting dates for the upcoming calendar year. Following discussion, Mr. Hoard moved to approve as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded. All were in favor and the *Calendar Year 2026 Library Board of Trustees Regularly Schedule Meeting Dates* was approved as presented.

Request for Use of Capital Funds

Ms. James stated that the request was for a not to exceed amount of \$204,000 to cover the cost of replacing the carpet and ceiling tiles at the Augusta Road and Simpsonville branch libraries. In response to Mrs. Collins' question about the procurement process, Ms. James stated that the vendors were selected from the state contractors list. Mr. Poore moved to approve the request. Mr. Hughes seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. James provided a bookmark to each trustee featuring historical photos of two library facilities in Greer predating the current Jean M. Smith Branch. She announced that in recognition of the 100th anniversary of public library service in Greer this month the bookmark, designed in-house, would be distributed at the branch.

Ms. James announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Blue Ridge Branch would be held on Sunday, November 30th. She handed out invitations to each trustee.

Ms. James announced that she had a small token of appreciation for the three outgoing trustees. She provided each of them with their gifts and thanked them for their service. Mr. Hill recognized each member and thanked them for their years of service on the Library Board of Trustees: Brian Aufmuth – ten years of service from 2015 – 2025; Kenneth Baxter – 8 years of services from 2017 – 2025; Kristen Odom – 4 years of services from 2021-2015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Aufmuth so moved. Mr. Baxter seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:17p.

S. Allan Hill
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Jill Cornwell
Recording Secretary