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

May 18, 2026

Present: Mr. Greg Somers, Mr. James Hoard, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mr. Joe Poore, Mrs. Marcia Moston, Mr. Samuel Chaney, Dr. Gene Beckner, Mr. Jack Logan, and Mr. S. Allan Hill, presiding.

Absent: Mrs. Stephanie Cunningham

Library System Managers Present: Don Allen, Finance Manager; Jennifer Pinkerman, Youth Services Manager; Brian Morrison, Adult Services Director; Rick Silvers, Facilities Maintenance Manager, Beverly James, Executive Director; and Alexis Roy, Administrative Projects Manager, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:02p.

INVOCATION
Mrs. Cunningham gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Hill called for a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, April 27, 2026. Mr. Poore so moved. Mr. Hughes seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Hughes stated the committee's request was that the Library System be authorized to advertise for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contractor as quickly as possible, for the selective demolition and renovation of the E. North Street property using the CMAR delivery method.

The Board voted to approve the authorization to advertise for a CMAR contractor by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Ms. James reported on the following highlights from Library System programs and operations.

- The Friends of the Library have budgeted over $50,000 in support for Library System programming and equipment for FY27.
- Borrowing of print and non-print library materials combined is on track to surpass 1.3 million items for the FY.
- Usage of downloadable items is on track to exceed 3 million for the FY.
- Ms. James noted that she will be meeting with the Senior Action Director regarding the E. North Street parking lot and quotes for fencing around the parking lot have been reviewed.
- Online registration for the Summer Reading Program begins May 20th.

Discussion was held regarding the public's use of Hoopla and Libby, including the distinction between waitlist-based and instant-access downloadable content.

Mr. Poore requested that Ms. James provide an update on Hoopla usage at each board meeting going forward. Ms. James noted that it may become necessary to reduce the number of borrows permitted per month.

Mr. Poore noted that the current model is not sustainable and that the Board's goal is to maintain the maximum level of access possible while actively exploring all available options.

Ms. James confirmed that staff is actively monitoring the situation. Mr. Hughes asked that the Board be kept informed of relevant trends. Ms. James agreed to provide ongoing updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business.

APPEARANCES
Mr. Hill announced that one individual had signed up to appear before the Board. He recognized Yvonne Matthews, who shared that Library Board Member Mr. Jack Logan had been recognized by the South Carolina State legislature for his long service as a nursing assistant and his work with youth through his non-profit, Put Down the Guns Now Young People.

The discussion regarding Mr. Logan's non-profit led to a discussion concerning recent crime reported in the area of the East North Street property owned by the Library System that will be remodeled to replace the Pelham Road branch library. The discussion included speculation that there may be some connection with a restaurant/bar that is operated on property contiguous to the Library System's parking lot.

The Board Chair then recognized a gentleman in the audience, Mr. Robert Hill (no relation to the Board Chair) who asked to speak to the issue being discussed. Mr. Robert Hill informed the Board that he was the manager of the restaurant/bar and he spoke about his diligent efforts to maintain high standards of behavior at his place of business. He also noted that he cleaned up the Library System's parking lot next to his business to minimize any litter problems that may appear to be from his patrons. Ms. James said she would be exploring the possibility of engaging an off-duty Greenville County Sheriff's Office deputy to be a late-night weekend presence in the parking lot of the Library System's property.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoard so moved. Mr. Poore seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:50p.

S. Allan Hill	Beverly James	Alexis Roy
Chair, Board of Trustees	Executive Director	Recording Secretary