

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

July 27, 2026

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

Library System Managers Present: Don Allen, Finance Manager; Jennifer Pinkerman, Youth Services Manager; Jerry Osteen, Information Technology Manager; Brian Morrison, Adult Services Director; 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 12:00p.

INVOCATION

Mr. Chaney gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 22, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Hill called for a motion and Mr. Hoard so moved. Mr. Chaney seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Request for Use of Capital Funds

Ms. James requested use of \$121,244 in capital funds to replace our mobile printing service, print vending, and public computer sign-up, as well as adding the option to pay for printing with a credit card. Mrs. Collins moved to approve the use of capital funds as described. Mrs. Moston seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Contingency Funds

Ms. James further requested use of \$20,000, not to exceed, in contingency funds for the purchase of additional VMWare server memory. Following discussion, Mr. Beckner moved to amend the request to an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Mr. Hughes seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Other

Ms. James informed the board of a motor vehicle accident that occurred the evening of July 26, 2026, in which a vehicle ended up near the entrance to the Pelham Road Branch, damaging the flagpole and drive-up book drop. A structural engineer has been contacted to investigate the integrity of the portico.

Ms. James also reported that the Library System has been awarded \$15,000 to help support digitization of negatives from the Joe Jordan photographic collection. This project is made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the SC State Library.

Ms. James further shared that over 3.1 million physical items were checked out or renewed during FY26, of which more than 1.9 million were children's items. In addition, more than 1.3 million downloadable items were used during the same period.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Hill announced that one individual had signed up to appear before the Board. He recognized Michael Sharpe, whose topic was "praising the library".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chaney so moved. Mr. Hughes seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:25p.

S. Allan Hill
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Alexis Roy
Recording Secretary