

Board of Trustees Meeting
August 21, 2025, 4:15 PM

Lexington Public Library
138 S. Main Street, Lexington, VA

Present: Harper Donahoe, Mary Jo Brinkley, Alexandra Brown, Sherri Wheeler, Thomas Bell, Bob Kramer, Terry Ammons, Pete Pitard, McKinley Williams

Absent: Sharyn Billings, Tim Eldredge, Steve Webb

Call to Order, Approval of agenda

Harper Donahoe, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Alex made a motion to approve the agenda. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Pete made a motion to approve the May 22, 2025 minutes. McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mission Moment

Shane Clark talked about the work he does with Tech Power Hour. He informed the board that he travels to all of the branches in order to meet with patrons in need of technical assistance. He also discussed his roles as technology troubleshooter and liaison with Orion, the IT company utilized by the library system.

Goshen Community Center Plan

Goshen Mayor, Tom McCraw, and Vice Mayor, Steve Bickley presented the board with a plan for an extension on the Goshen Community Center following receipt of grant funds. The plan included drawings of the proposed expansion. Steve reported that the library could sign a five-year lease for \$1,000 a month in rent. After the initial five years there would be an option for three more five-year terms, for a total of twenty years. Goshen hopes to break ground on the addition in June of 2026, with a completion date of October 2026. Harper asked if the grant was affected by the participation of the library system. Steve Bickley said no, it was not.

Public Comment

Board members read comments from the public comment cards. Public comment cards are available to patrons and visitors at each location and on the bookmobile. Hugh Henderson spoke to the board regarding his concerns over children's access to library materials.

Bath Friends of the Library

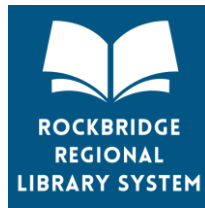
Harper introduced Pete Pitard, President of the Bath Friends of the Library. Pete reported that the Bath Friends are still in the process of organizing. They have plans to install the new Bath circulation desk on August 23rd. The next meeting of the Bath Friends will be held on September 11, 2025.

Questions regarding board packet

There were no questions about the board packet.

Discussion and announcements

Harper stated that the Goshen Community Center would be added to the September meeting agenda for further discussion.



Bob Kramer was nominated to fill the role of Vice Chair for the board.

Harper appointed Pete to fill a position on the Finance Committee. Pete accepted the appointment.

The trustees were asked if they had any questions or concerns regarding the updated bylaws that were in the meeting packet. Julie reported that there were no substantial changes from the previous bylaws.

The board was presented with the budget for the upcoming year, which includes the final allocations from all of the localities.

Harper presented the updated slate of officers for 2026. Harper Donahoe-Chair, Bob Kramer-Vice Chair, McKinley Williams-Treasurer, Sherri Wheeler-Deputy Treasurer, Mary Jo Brinkley-Parliamentarian

Action Items

Thomas made a motion to approve the updated slate of officers. Mary Jo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jo made a motion to approve the proposed budget. McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

McKinley made a motion to approve the updated by-laws. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas requested the opportunity to share concerns with the board. As these concerns related to personnel issues, they could not be shared in an open, public meeting. Harper informed Thomas that he would include a closed session on the agenda for September and the board would address the concerns at that time.

Adjournment

McKinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 4:58 PM.

The next meeting will be on September 25, 2025 at the Rockbridge Regional Library Board Room, Lexington.