



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees (Zoom Meeting)
Webster Groves Public Library
June 17, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, via Zoom. President Anita Radcliffe presided, and Library Director Madison Morris kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Janey Worthington, Lea Ann Coates, Jenine Harris, Ed Scholl, Dana Cooley, Sherry Taylor, Fred Toelle and City Council Liaison Emily Hixson Shepherd.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes of the May 20, 2026 Meeting

Dr. Harris moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Worthington seconded. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Ms. Morris shared a letter from C.A. Winkler reflecting on the importance of the Library and its impact on the community.

Board members commented that stories such as this are powerful examples of the Library's role in people's lives and suggested that continuing to collect patron stories would be valuable. The letter described the writer's excitement upon receiving a first library card and reflected on how the Library provided a welcoming community during difficult periods in the writer's life.

President's Report

Ms. Radcliffe reported on the Friends of the Library booth at the Webster Groves Art Fair. The booth had a strong turnout, particularly on Sunday, and featured a children's craft along with information about Proposition L, Summer Reading, and the Friends of the Library. Ms. Radcliffe, Ms. Morris, and Ms. Coates staffed the booth on Sunday.

Ms. Coates commented that it was encouraging to see children actively participating in the craft and noted that the community response to Proposition L appeared very positive.

Librarian's Report

Ms. Morris reported that the Library has hired a new part-time Reference Assistant and a new Children's Librarian.

Summer Reading is underway and has been going well thus far.

There was great coverage in the Webster-Kirkwood Times about the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Library building, which also helped promote the Library's programs and services.

Advanced Planning

None.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Morris reported that the Library recently experienced another roof leak and continues to monitor the situation while evaluating long-term solutions.

Finance

Mr. Scholl reported that, as of the end of May, the Library is projected to finish the fiscal year approximately \$9,000 over budget.

The HVAC replacement project remains the Library's largest capital expense this fiscal year. Mr. Scholl noted that the Library is also planning for the future replacement of the roof.

Discussion followed regarding the Library's financial outlook. While reserves remain stable, Board members acknowledged that if Proposition L is not approved, significant adjustments to future budgets and operations would likely be necessary.

Ms. Cooley moved to approve the financial report. Ms. Taylor seconded. All were in favor, and the financial report was approved.

Human Resources

None.

Policy

None.

Friends Report

Ms. Taylor reported that the Friends are busy sharing information about Proposition L and are working to coordinate community outreach efforts.

City Hall

Ms. Hixson Shepherd reported that there has been significant public engagement regarding the South Elm Shared Use Path project. The City Council recently voted to move forward with a narrower design alternative that minimizes impacts to adjacent properties, although the revised design will result in the loss of some parking spaces.

She also commented that Ms. Morris's recent presentation to the City Council regarding the Library and information about Proposition L was very well received. Attendance was high, and there appeared to be support for the Library and recognition of its value to the community.

Tax Levy

Ms. Morris provided an update on recent Proposition L outreach efforts, including presentations to community organizations and informational events held throughout Webster Groves. She also discussed ongoing public education efforts leading up to the election.

Old Business

Board Member Recruitment

There was discussion about the process for recruiting future Board members.

Members discussed identifying desired skills and areas of expertise for future recruitment. They agreed that communicating the Board's current needs could help attract applicants with complementary backgrounds and avoid gaps in expertise as Board membership changes over time.

Ms. Morris stated it would be great to have someone with building/construction knowledge in the future.

New Business

Election of Officers

Ms. Worthington moved to nominate Ms. Radcliffe to serve another term as President. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Ms. Worthington moved to nominate Ms. Cooley as Vice President. Ms. Taylor seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Ms. Taylor moved to nominate Mr. Scholl as Treasurer/Secretary. Ms. Cooley seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Cooley moved to adjourn. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.