

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
August 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lexington Public Library was held in the Large Meeting Room of the Northside Library on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Lynda Bebrowsky called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Lynda Bebrowsky, Rania Belmadani, Ralph Coldiron, Casandra Hockenberry, Stephanie Nallia, Yajaira West. Advisory Board members present: Craig Cammack, Melissa Coulston, Alex Garcia, Shawntaye Hopkins, Louetta Hurst, Wendi Keene, Hunter Porter.

Library staff present: Heather Dieffenbach, Executive Director; Tonya Head, Deputy Director; David Bryant, Central Library Manager; Alplato Chukpue-Padmoe, Project Manager; AnnaMarie Cornett, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Brian Hocesvar, Northside Branch Manager; Kevin Imai, Director of Human Resources; Bryan Klausing, Digital Studio Supervisor; Will McGinnia, IT Manager; Elizabeth Neher, Donor Engagement Manager; Christopher Oakford, Executive Assistant; Kelli Parmely, Director of Education; Rob Parmley, Director of Operations; Mora Rehm, Program Evaluator; Summer Russell, Data Analyst; Rob Serrate, Chief Administrative Officer; Paige Halpin Smith, Director of Philanthropy; Tony Snowden, Security Supervisor; MiKayla Storms, Graphic Designer; Amanda Wheeler, Experiential Learning Manager.

Others present: Rod Brotherton, Friends of the Library; Simon Boes, Friends of the Library; Ellen Gish, Stites & Harbison.

Ms. Bebrowsky called the meeting to order.

Mr. Coldiron brought forward a motion for the board to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Ms. Hockenberry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith gave the Development report. The Foundation received just over \$23,000 from 46 donations in July. In FY25 it received over \$614,000 and had 132 new donors.

Mr. Brotherton gave the Friends report. The Friends had 11 renewals and seven new members, plus one lifetime membership in July. In addition, Mr. Brotherton said that the Friends' fall sale would run from October 11 until October 25, and that on October 18 Mr. Boes planned to attend the 2025 Friends of Kentucky Libraries Conference in Frankfort.

Mr. Serrate gave the financial statement. As of the end of June, the Library had total assets of \$27,951,700 and total liabilities of \$1,957,700, leaving a fund balance of \$25,994,000. General Fund revenues were \$1,876,600 and expenditures \$1,348,200. In the Materials Fund, revenues, year-to-date, were \$2,891,000 and expenditures were \$2,745,200. Investments totaled \$10,994,600 and debt totaled \$10,470,800.

There was no report by the Executive Director. Instead, Ms. Cornett provided the board with an update on the strategic plan, including an overview of progress over the past year and information about the decision to implement a one-year operational plan in conjunction with the three-year strategic plan.

Ms. Bebrowsky presented the Chair's report. She confirmed the date and location of the next meeting as September 10, 2025, at the Marksbury Family Branch, and she informed the board that the City Council would vote the following day on the appointment of Ms. Louetta Hurst to the Board of Trustees and Ms. Lisa Smith to the Advisory Board. She then issued a statement on behalf of the board. Noting the tragic event that occurred outside the Northside Branch on August 2 in which two people died, she commended Mr. Brian Hocevar and the staff of the Northside Branch and Mr. Tony Snowden and the Library's security team for their outstanding work in handling such difficult circumstances with calmness, efficiency, and compassion.

Mr. Coldiron presented the Building and Property report. He provided the board with a review of upcoming projects to renovate or refurbish buildings and spaces over the course of the next five years.

The Board Development Committee did not meet in August.

Ms. Nallia presented the Budget and Finance report. She brought forward a motion for the board to approve the financial statement. Seconded by Ms. Hockenberry and carried unanimously. Ms. Nallia also confirmed that she and Ms. Bebrowsky had examined and approved the checks and credit card statements for July.

Mr. Hocevar then spoke briefly about the most recent innovations and renovations at Northside, including the proposed expansion of the Digital Studio suite.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Signed:   
Yajaira West, Secretary