

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
March 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lexington Public Library was held in Community Room A of the Marksbury Family Branch on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Board members present: Lynda Bebrowsky, Rania Belmadani, Ralph Coldiron, Casandra Hockenberry, Louetta Hurst, Stephanie Nallia, Yajaira West. Advisory Board members present: Elizabeth Adams, Melissa Coulston, Jason Hall, Laura Hatfield, Wendi Keene, Hunter Porter, Paula Sevigny, Lisa Smith, Marissa Webb.

Library staff present: Heather Dieffenbach, Director; Tonya Head, Deputy Director; Paige Halpin Smith, Director of Philanthropy; Kevin Imai, Human Resources Director; Christopher Oakford, Executive Assistant; Abbey Oldham, Multimedia Specialist; Rob Parmley, Director of Operations; Mora Rehm, Program Evaluator; Rob Serrate, Chief Administrative Officer; MiKayla Storms, Graphic Designer; Kaitlynn Thomas, Marketing and Development Assistant; Amanda Wheeler, Experiential Learning Manager.

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

Ms. Bebrowsky called the meeting to order and brought forward a motion for the board to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Halpin Smith gave the Development report. The Foundation received \$331,000 from 106 donations in February, including the final pledge payment for the Marksbury Family Branch. Ms. Halpin Smith thanked staff for their help in organizing the recent State of the Library event, and she asked board members to save the date of April 21 for an event with Silas House at the Kentucky Theatre. She also discussed plans for the Library Giving Day campaign on April 1.

Mr. Brotherton gave the Friends report. The Friends had 15 new memberships and 20 renewals in February. The off-site sale at UK raised \$700. Mr. Brotherton also mentioned that the Friends planned not to hold a sale in April, but would look to enhance the sale in October and consider alternative ways of generating revenue instead. At the end of the report Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Boes presented the Library with a check for \$15,000, taking the total donated by the Friends since July 2025 to \$50,000.

Mr. Serrate gave the financial statement. As of the end of January, the Library had total assets of \$30,425,600 and total liabilities of \$1,856,300, leaving a fund balance of \$28,569,300. General Fund revenues were \$1,871,700 and expenditures \$1,293,100. In the Materials Fund, revenues, year-to-date, were \$1,954,200 and expenditures were \$1,674,200. Investments totaled \$14,608,600 and debt totaled \$10,180,970.

Ms. Dieffenbach presented the Director's report. She updated the board on several recent events, including a visit by author Frank X Walker to the Marksbury Family Branch, the introduction of a book scanner in the Kentucky Room for public use, and the Celebrity Curtain Call at the Lexington Children's Theatre on April 17 in which she was scheduled to take part.

Ms. Bebrowsky presented the Chair's report. She asked the board members if they would like to change the date of the April meeting from April 8 to April 22, in order to avoid many potential absences during Spring Break. Ms. Bebrowsky also suggested changing the date of the June meeting from June 10 to June 18, also to avoid multiple possible absences. Mr. Coldiron brought a motion, seconded by Ms. West, to accept the changes, and the board approved unanimously.

Mr. Coldiron presented the Building and Property Committee report. He outlined the timelines for two upcoming projects - the Northside Digital Studio expansion and the Beaumont Children's Area refresh - in order to keep the board members informed.

Ms. Hockenberry presented the Board Development Committee report. She brought forward a motion for the board to approve a new employee handbook to assist with the orientation process for new staff and present the existing Personnel policy in a more comprehensible format for existing staff. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Nallia presented the Budget and Finance report. She brought forward two motions. First, to approve the financial statement as presented by Mr. Serrate earlier in the meeting. Ms. Hockenberry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Second, to approve the re-appointment of Cherry Bekaert as the Library's auditors. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Nallia also confirmed that she and Ms. Bebrowsky had examined and approved the checks and credit card statements for February with no questions.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Signed: 
Yajaira West, Secretary