



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC (LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE)

Members attending: Allison Addison, Shelby Henderson, Paul Holcombe, Liz Kuemmerer, Nick McKinney, Nivia Miranda, Clifton Powell, Diane Smathers, Monica Alles White

Members absent: None.

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director

Guests: Kyle Reid, Oconee County Roads & Bridges

Press: none.

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of January 26, 2021—Motion made by D. Smathers, seconded by S. Henderson. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total. If you would like to have a comment entered into the record and cannot attend, please email bhinson@oconeesc.com or call 864-364-5705.

Mr. Reid gave the Board a brief update about the status of the proposed staff parking area at the Walhalla Main Branch.

IV. Friends' Report: Mr. Hinson updated the Board about how the Friends' book sales were progressing from being completely shut down to allowing customers in the sales area without an appointment. The sales figures for January and February, 2021, were as follows:

Thursday Sales--\$ 571.50

Lobby (Wal) Sales--\$ 428.00

Seneca Lobby--\$ 33.00

Books on the Alley—\$1,005.80

V. Committee Reports—none given.

A. Finance

B. Policy/Personnel

Library Board-Allison Addison, Shelby Henderson, Paul Holcombe, Liz Kuemmerer, Nick McKinney, Nivia Miranda, Clifton Powell, Diane Smathers, Monica Alles White

- C. Building and Grounds
- D. Community Relations
- E. Capital Projects

VI. Chairman's Report: Chair mentioned recent changes to the Spring staff in-service day, and that it was going to be virtual. She also complimented the Salem Branch, in particular, for assisting with COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

VII. Director's Report: The Director followed up the Chair's report by noting that the other branches had also assisted with vaccination sign-ups, and that several of the staff would be going through Prisma Health training to assist with those trying to navigate the MyChart dashboard. The Director also briefly discussed participation in the Health Disparities Committee of the Healthy Oconee Coalition. Two Board members, N. Miranda and M. Alles White, are also part of that group. Discussion ensued about that committee and its work.

VIII. Old Business

A. Changes to library card policy for those under 18 years of age—Director gave a brief overview of this effort for the benefit of new members, the initiative having been passed last summer by a previous Board vote. Discussion ensued. No action taken.

B. Staff parking lot at Walhalla Library—Director followed up earlier comments by Mr. Reid to give new members some context about the history and need for the additional staff parking spaces. Discussion ensued about an alternative, angled parking idea on Westview Street.

C. Update Board by-laws and committee designations/assignments—discussion ensued about the committees, and whether to keep some or all of them, or to change the name of them. There was also discussion about whether make all of them *ad hoc*. The Board decided to postpone any action on committees until a more thorough review of the whole of the Board by-laws could take place. Director was asked to send new members a copy of the by-laws and other pertinent information.

IX. New Business

A. Update Board about Seneca Library roof and circulation desk—Director gave the Board a brief overview of the situation with the roof replacement project in Seneca. Discussion ensued about a new Seneca Library. No action was taken.

B. Update about COVID-19—Director gave the Board a brief update on expansion of services (end of quarantine, and reopening of study rooms at the Walhalla and Seneca locations) and there was discussion of hours and when they might return to something closer to normal.

Executive Session

[upon reconvening the Board may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

None scheduled.

X. Adjourn—Motion made to adjourn by C. Powell, seconded by M. Alles White.
Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, staff liaison to Board