



## Minutes

### Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Members present: A. Addison, M. Alles White, P. Holcombe, L. Kuemmerer, N. McKinney, N. Miranda

Members absent: S. Henderson, C. Powell, T. Weekes

Press: none

Staff: Blair Hinson, staff liaison

- I. Call to Order at 5:30; motion to approve agenda by Holcombe, second by Miranda. Agenda approved.
- II. Approval of minutes: meeting of March 28, 2023: Motion to approve by Alles White, second by Holcombe. Minutes approved without amendment.
- 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](mailto:bhinson@oconeesc.com) or call 864-364-5705. None.

- IV. Friends' Report: April sales figures
  - \$1,160 basement sales
  - \$1,343 Books on the Alley
  - \$ 192 Lobby sales
  - \$ 150 second party
  - \$ 181 online
  - \$ 7 CAFÉ
  - \$ 3033 total

(March sales numbers included in background)

- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance (M. Alles White, A. Addison): M. Alles White mentioned reviewing budget for FY24; asked specifically about ADA-accessible ramp project at Seneca Branch and also funding for social worker at the library
  - B. Policy/Personnel (S. Henderson, N. McKinney, T. Weekes): no report.
  - C. Building and Grounds (C. Powell, P. Holcombe): no report.
  - D. Community Relations (L. Kuemmerer, N. Miranda): discussion of Oconee Chamber upcoming events; discussion of recently made library partnerships

- VI. Chair's Report: Chair discussed Board training; also discussed assignments for Board committees and becoming a more active Board; Chair asked each Board members to utilize the library to learn something new. Chair also discussed Board

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

members subscribing to the national and state library associations, FOL newsletter, and Oconee Chamber newsletter.

VII. Director's Report: Director reported briefly about facilities work projects in the Walhalla Library and addition of AWE computers for children at three branches. Also, Director provided update on 2023 Summer Reading.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discuss strategic plan: after discussion, Board determined that public comment/listening session was still necessary. Compromise was to have 15-day public comment session (June 1-June 15) online through OCPL website and through forms at branches. Once period is complete, staff would compile and adjust plan based on the comment, and submit to Board for final passage at July, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve plan by M. Alles White, second by P. Holcombe. Motion approved.

B. Discuss building projects: updated Board on projects to improve meeting room in Walhalla Main Library, as well as children's area. Discussion also of expansion of meeting room at the Seneca Branch.

IX. New Business

A. Info on ALA/United for Libraries Freedom to Read initiative: Chair read ALA Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read statement for the record.

B. Update on grants for social worker and for transportation for healthcare: updated Board that grant from Center (Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare) extended to end of May 2024. Transportation to Healthcare grant from Center will expire in June 2023. So far about 80% of funds have been expended.

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:

Discussion of a personnel matter

Motion to enter Executive Session by M. Alles White, second by A. Addison.

Went into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Motion to emerge from Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. by N. McKinney, second by P. Holcombe. No action taken.

X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by N. McKinney, second by P. Holcombe. Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.