



## Minutes

### Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 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, C. Powell, T. Weekes

Members absent: S. Henderson, N. McKinney, N. Miranda

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director

Press: none

- I. Call to Order: Agenda approval—motion to approve M. Alles White, second T. Weekes; agenda approved 6-0.
- II. Approval of minutes: meeting of May 23, 2023—correction made to add T. Weekes to minutes under committees; motion to approve C. Powell, seconded by A. Addison; minutes approved 6-0.
- 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: Director reported income (shown in background) from May and June used book sales. Also reported that the Friends had given their first half of the calendar year contribution to the library.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance: M. Alles White reported, no report.
  - B. Policy/Personnel: T. Weekes reported, no report.
  - C. Building and Grounds: C. Powell reported; brief discussion about mention in Strategic Plan survey of condition and future plans for the Seneca Branch, in particular
  - D. Community Relations: L. Kuemmerer reported; brief discussion of ongoing relationship with Oconee Chamber and upcoming events
- VI. Chair's Report: chair mentioned upcoming training for Board by Tiffany Hayes from the South Carolina State Library. There was also brief discussion about what Board members had learned or discovered about their library.
- VII. Director's Report: Director mentioned library assistance with Mexican consulate visit in July; also mentioned that the county hiring freeze was lifted for the Youth Services position; discussed FY24 budget; discussed library courier van; also discussed exit interview for Darcy Arnall.

## VIII. Old Business

A. Discuss strategic plan: discussion ensued of strategic plan survey that was requested by the Library Board; motion by P. Holcombe, second by T. Weekes; discussion requested by M. Alles White about evening hours programs and whether the survey would be included with the plan on the website; discussion of separate diversity statement; strategic plan approved 6-0.

B. Discuss building projects: discussed earlier in the meeting. Director mentioned meeting with county grants administrator about any avenues for funding branch renovations. C. Powell asked about staff parking at Walhalla location (no longer under consideration).

## IX. New Business

A. Discuss Home Delivery Services initiative: Director presented idea from Bookmobile and Outreach Manager for home delivery service; discussion ensued about liability, sanitation, safety; staff agreed to take to County attorney and to seek answers to Board questions before next meeting in September. No action taken.

B. Update new kits and other library offerings: Director mentioned math kits (similar to literacy kits) currently in final development; additions to the Library of Things.

## 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 go into Executive Session by C. Powell, second by P. Holcombe. 6-0 vote to enter Executive Session at 7:13 PM.

Motion to emerge from Executive Session by C. Powell, seconded by P. Holcombe. 6-0 vote to emerge from Executive Session. No votes or action was taken in Executive Session.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by T. Weekes, seconded by A. Addison. Adjourned at 7:18 PM.