



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Addison, Alles White, Holcombe, Kuemmerer, McKinney, Miranda, Powell, Weekes

Members absent: Henderson (excused)

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director

Press: Caleb Gilbert, *Seneca Journal*

- I. Call to Order, attendance, agenda approved (Powell motioned, Weekes seconded) at 5:30
- II. Approval of minutes: meeting of September 26, 2023 and special meeting from October 24, 2023. Motion by Addison, seconded by McKinney to approve September minutes; motion by Weekes, seconded by Miranda, to approved October special meeting minutes. Approved.
- 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. None.
- IV. Friends' Report: Director reported sales figures for September and October combined.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance: none.
 - B. Policy/Personnel: none.
 - C. Building and Grounds: none.
 - D. Community Relations: Liz Kuemmerer reported about her work with the Chamber of Commerce; discussion ensued about a possible silent auction fundraiser for the library. She also mentioned working to establish a bridge between the public schools and the library system.
- VI. Chair's Report: Chair commended staff for volunteer appreciation dinner, Night Among the Stars. Chair also discussed the 75th anniversary of the library, recent Library Board training, and working with the Rural Innovation Network on Digital Economic Ecosystem mapping for broadband. Chair also mentioned Nick McKinney and Shelby Henderson, along with Cassie Moore, for their "Book Ends" program. There was also discussion of a non-profit meeting with the Blue Ridge Arts Council.

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

VII. Director's Report: provided; discussed filling key positions, upcoming staff training, and the upcoming County study of wages, compensation, and time use with Evergreen (projected to be completed by March 2024).

VIII. Old Business

A. Discuss/follow up from Board training: follow up on the Board training presented by the State Library in October; discussion of what each member of the Board brings to the table.

B. Discuss building projects: Director reported that funding should be available from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, and that we're working with County Grants person Brittney Martin to craft an ordinance to present to County Council for January 2024.

IX. New Business

A. Discuss changes to the interlibrary loan due dates, associated policy and fee, etc.: motion by Powell, seconded by Holcombe. Approved.

B. Discuss/vote on updated library organizational chart: motion to approve by McKinney, seconded by Powell; approved.

C. Approve meeting schedule for 2024. Motion by Miranda, seconded by Addison. Approved.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Alles White, seconded by Holcombe. Meeting adjourned 6:40.