



## Minutes

### Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Walhalla Main Library, 501 W South Broad Street, Walhalla, SC

Members present: Henderson, Kuemmerer, McKinney, Miranda, Weekes

Members absent: Addison, Alles White, Holcombe, Powell

Press: none

Staff: Blair Hinson, staff liaison

- I. Call to Order (staff liaison) at 5:35
- II. Election of chairperson: two nominations were brought forward, Paul Holcombe and Nick McKinney. McKinney elected by 5-0 vote.
- III. Approval of minutes: November 28, 2023 regular meeting. Motion to approve by Weekes, seconded by Miranda. Approved 5-0.
- IV. 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. No public comment was offered.
- V. Friends' Report: director reported the sales figures from November and December 2023 (included in background). Also discussed that the Friends were looking for additional volunteers.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance – none.
  - B. Policy/Personnel – none.
  - C. Building and Grounds – none.
  - D. Community Relations – none.
- VII. Chair's Report –none.
- VIII. Director's Report – director reported on attending the Assoc of Public Library Administrators meeting the following day in Columbia, and attending the budget presentation of the State Library Agency Head, Leesa Aiken, before the Public Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. Director also briefly discussed recent cold weather and effects on old buildings (esp. the thermostat "schedules" and old pipes). Discussion also ensued on the Black Heritage Trail project and park in Seneca behind the Seneca Library branch location.

IX. Old Business

A. Discuss ADA ramp in Seneca: director reported that the County Council had passed (first reading) the ordinance authorizing the use of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (“LATCF”) monies from ARPA to build an ADA accessible ramp leading to the front entrance of the Seneca Library. No additional action taken.

B. Discuss any other building projects: director mentioned two additional projects that could be completed in the short term if funding can be acquired—an expansion of the meeting room at the Seneca Branch, and an expansion/addition at the Westminster Branch that would allow for a staff restroom. No action taken at this time.

X. New Business

A. Election of other officers (vice-chair, Secretary/Treasurer): motion made to delay vote until March 2024 meeting made by Henderson, seconded by Weekes. Approved 5-0.

B. Any changes to committees: committee assignments will be reviewed and updated once officers are in place.

XI. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Henderson, seconded by Miranda. Meeting adjourned at 6:13.