



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, County Administration Bldg., 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC

Members present: Addison, Alles White, Henderson, Holcombe, McKinney, Weekes

Members absent: Kuemmerer, Miranda, Powell

Staff: Blair Hinson, Director/Staff Liaison

Press: None

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:35 PM
- II. Approval of minutes: January 23, 2024 regular meeting. Motion to approve by Henderson, second by Addison; 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. No comments.
- IV. Friends' Report: Director reported that the Friends have steady income, particularly from M. Tannery & Sons on Ramcat Alley in Seneca.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance: none
 - B. Policy/Personnel: S. Henderson deferred mention about personnel addition [new Adult Services Librarian] and question on new policy for meeting spaces [see below] to Director's report and new agenda item. T. Weekes brought up a question about Friends membership and a former employee.
 - C. Building and Grounds: none
 - D. Community Relations: none
- VI. Chair's Report: none.
- VII. Director's Report: Director reported about new Adult Services Librarian, Brittany Castro; also report on accessible ramp in Seneca [currently still with procurement], and there was a question on time frame; no word on the results of the Evergreen wage and time use study. Also commended Quientell Walker on his presentations and projects in February. M. Alles White commended Kerry Leeper Brock for her work, and Director reported that the Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare is extending the grant for the social worker for two years to May 31, 2026.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Election of other officers (vice-chair, Secretary/Treasurer—postponed from January 2024 meeting): T. Weekes nominated as vice-chair; motion by Alles White, seconded by Henderson, to accept. Approved 6-0. C. Powell nominated as Secretary/Treasurer; motion by Henderson to accept, seconded by Weekes. Approved 6-0.
- B. Changes or appointments for committee assignments
Committee assignments were switched as follows: M. Alles White to Buildings and Grounds; C. Powell to Finance. Motion to accept changes made by Henderson, seconded by Addison. Approved. 6-0.
- C. Discuss progress on ADA ramp in Seneca-Director updated during Director's report.

IX. New Business

- A. Discuss county budget and State Aid: brief discussion of Evergreen wage and time use study and its effect on county budget; also brief discussion of possible increase in State Aid to Public Libraries of \$0.25 per capita [\$19,651.75 increase for oconee County if it passes]
- B. Request to change meeting room and Study Room policy to allow staff adequate time to close: staff requested wording to be added to Library Policy Section II. Services, Item "E," Meeting Room, line 9, to stipulate that meeting AND study rooms must be vacated 15 minutes before the location closes. Motion to accept by Weekes, seconded by Holcombe. Policy approved 6-0.
- X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Alles White, seconded by Weekes. Adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Reported by Blair Hinson, Board staff liaison