



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members present: all

Members absent: none

Press: none

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director

- I. Call to Order at 5:30 PM
- II. Approval of minutes: March 26, 2024 regular meeting. Motion by Addison, second by Henderson. Motion 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-Library Director reported sales figures for March, 2024 (April figures were not available at meeting time), and reported on Friends' activities during the period.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance –none.
 - B. Policy/Personnel –committee chair reported a meeting on May 8, 2024. In that meeting, it was agreed that the committee would meet on June 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM to discuss and suggest amendments of Article 4 of the Library Board by-laws.
 - C. Building and Grounds –none.
 - D. Community Relations – L. Kuemmerer mentioned a recent trip to another library and wanted to compliment the OCPL on what programs and services we were offering.
- VI. Chair's Report – Chair asked that committee heads please email a report of their committee activity before each regular Board meeting. This will prevent a committee chair being called on and having no report.
- VII. Director's Report – Director commended the staff for the community assistance with the Mexican consulate appointments. Director also met with Director of county IT about the library's technology plan, and a discussion ensued about putting the library public computers on their own sub-network. A question

was raised about the park behind the library in Seneca. S. Henderson mentioned working on making sure libraries fit into the tourism outlook in the county.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Discussion of by-laws – mentioned earlier in meeting.
- B. Discuss progress on ADA ramp in Seneca – Director mentioned a brief meeting with County Procurement and a vendor just to look at the specifications of the ramp project. Discussion ensued about the handicapped spaces and the need for them to be more level.

IX. New Business

- A. Discuss amendment by Senate to State Aid proviso – discussion of Senate amendment to the State Library portion of the 2024-25 budget, Proviso 27.1. The amendment adds a provision that, in order to receive State Aid, a library must certify to the State Library that it has no items in the children's, youth, or teen sections of the library that appeal to the "prurient interests" of users under age 17. Director encouraged Board members to contact members of the Conference Committee to encourage them to ask that the legislature pass the House version of the budget (not including the Senate amendment). Discussion ensued about the vagueness and how the provision would even be enforced.
- B. Discussion of statistics used for Board background – discussion ensued of what changes the Board might like to see in the statistics that the library keeps track of.

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 legal and personnel matter regarding the Walhalla Branch

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Henderson, seconded by Miranda. Went into Executive Session at 6:23 PM.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Powell, seconded by Alles White. Emerged from Executive Session at 6:25 PM. No action was taken.

X. Adjourn – motion by Henderson to adjourn, seconded by Miranda. Adjourned at 6:28 PM.