



## **Minutes**

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Adams, Ellison, Holcombe, Jackson, Knapp, McKinney, Powell, Weekes

Member absent: V. Smith

Staff: Blair Hinson, staff liaison

Press: none.

- I. **Call to Order** -- meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- II. **Invocation** -- C. Powell
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- IV. **Approval of minutes** – February 24, 2026 regular meeting (January weather makeup) – motion to approve by C. Powell, seconded by K. Jackson. Approved 8-0.
- V. **Public Comment** -- Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total – none.
- VI. **Board member comments** -- K. Knapp commented on positives for the library such as increased attendance at youth programs.
- VII. **Friends' Report** – provided.
- VIII. **Committee Reports** (if submitted)
  - A. Finance – none.
  - B. Policy/Personnel – none.
  - C. Building and Grounds – none.
  - D. Community Relations – none.
- IX. **Chair's Report** -- offered quote by L. D. Jackson in order to offer kudos to the Board and the various committees for their service and to further encourage them.
- X. **Director's Report** – Director mentioned departure of Patsy Smith at Westminster, also allowing Westminster Branch to close on Friday, March 27, until 1:00 PM, for the funeral for Russell Smith; Director mentioned staff training day on Friday, April 3; also mentioned building repairs in Walhalla, and arrival of new Smartboards at the Walhalla and Seneca locations. There was brief discussion of FY27 budget requests and PT pay.

XI. **Old Business**

- A. Update building and grounds projects – Director provided brief update on building issues, such as HVAC problem in Walhalla.
- B. Update on Strategic Plan goals – Director made Board aware that reading resource lists were added to library website, also trying pilot program for interns with Youth Services.

XII. **New Business**

- A. Update on FY27 budget – covered in earlier comments. Director also made Board aware of potential for State Aid increase, and mentioned the resolution in the statehouse in recognition of contributions of South Carolina libraries.
- B. Board proclamation in recognition of Jonathan Hunter, Seneca Branch, and Leah Price, Westminster Branch, in recognition of 20 years of service to the OCPL – C. Powell made motion, seconded by T. Weekes, to give Board recognition to the two 20-year employees. Motion passed 8-0.

XIII. **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 regarding a former employee

K. Knapp motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by N. McKinney. Motion passed 8-0. Board entered Executive Session at 6:07 PM.

K. Knapp made motion to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by K. Jackson. Motion passed 8-0. Emerged from Executive Session at 6:26 PM. No action was taken in Executive Session.

XIV. **Adjourn** – T. Weekes motioned to adjourn, seconded by K. Jackson. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.