



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members present: M. Ellison, P. Holcombe, K. Jackson, K. Knapp, C. Powell, V. Smith

Members excused: J. Adams, N. McKinney, T. Weekes

Staff: Blair Hinson, liaison

Press: none.

- I. **Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- II. **Invocation** – P. Holcombe
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- IV. **Approval of minutes** – March 24, 2026 regular meeting – K. Jackson moved to approve; K. Knapp seconded. Approved 6-0.
- V. **Public Comment** - Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total – none.
- VI. **Board member comments** – none; deferred to late in agenda.
- VII. **Friends' Report** – Director reported used book sales figures for March and April 2026; mentioned Wish List funds and Summer Reading funds that the Friends provided.
- VIII. **Committee Reports** (if submitted)
 - A. Finance – none.
 - B. Policy/Personnel – none.
 - C. Building and Grounds – none. K. Knapp commented about some items dealing with Facilities, especially in the Seneca Branch report. Discussion ensued about solutions to getting deferred maintenance items moved up in priority.
 - D. Community Relations – none.
- IX. **Chair's Report** – none.
- X. **Director's Report** – Director updated Board about his attendance at SCAPLA, the Assoc. of Public Library Administrators' meeting in Charleston, SC. Also mentioned touring Liollo Architecture offices in Charleston. Discussion ensued about possible updates to the libraries.

XI. **Old Business**

- A. Update building and grounds projects – Director mentioned that Facilities Maintenance has a staffing shortage right now, as does Roads and Bridges, which is affecting the Seneca parking lot paving project. Discussion ensued about possible volunteer or sponsorship opportunities to clear the backlog of projects.
- B. Update on FY27 budget – Director gave Board members update on local budget (not know as of meeting) and State Aid.

XII. **New Business**

- A. Discuss Work Plans and new training and evaluation tools – Director gave brief update on Work Plans evaluation tool and upcoming SOP and training initiatives.
- B. Preview Summer Reading – Director gave members a preview of the kickoff, end-of-summer bash, and two big events at WPAC (Walhalla Performing Arts Center).

XIII. **Adjourn** – motion to adjourn by C. Powell, seconded by K. Jackson. Adjourned at 6:15 PM.