

March 2025 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Susan Thacker (Chair)
Tonaly Pennington (Vice Chair)
Scott Alleman
Carolyn Coop
Rebecca Lamb
Linda Mohler

ABSENT:

Alex Davis
Kathleen Cavender, Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Library Board held at the Middlebrook Library, Middlebrook, Virginia on March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth. . . .

Call to Order

The board meeting was held in person.

Susan Thacker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the January 2025 meeting were discussed.

A motion was made by Rebecca Lamb to approve the minutes from the January 2025 meeting as presented. Scott Alleman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation

Kathleen Cavender was not present to provide a report. Dr. Brown presented the following information:

- The annual meeting was held earlier in March
- Elections were held.
- Beginning to plan their annual membership drive during National Library Week, April 6th - April 12th.

Director's Report

The director's report was circulated in the board packet before the meeting. Dr. Brown reiterated the following information:

- Received one of the vehicles we requisitioned and are awaiting on the availability of a second vehicle
- Presentation to the Board of Supervisors during the staff meeting is scheduled for 3/24 to present on the accomplishments of the past year, along with an emphasis on challenges and specific requests in the budget
- The recommended budget was posted for public review. Dr. Brown will let the board know once the public hearing on the budget is scheduled.

Old Business

There was no old business to be considered.

New Business

IMLS Executive Order

Dr. Brown provided information related to the federal Executive Order issued March 14, 2025: Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy. Dr. Brown specifically outlined the following implications for public libraries, and specifically the Augusta County Library:

- Access to databases and other informational resources available through the FindIT VA portal from the Library of Virginia
- Liasion support for public libraries from the Library of Virginia
- Professional development opportunities from the Library of Virginia

What does the Board want to know more about?

Dr. Brown asked the Board what they would like to learn more about regarding Augusta County Library organization and operations, with the intent of bringing additional staff to present during Board meetings. The Board indicated they would be interested in the following topics:



- Purchasing process and what that looks like
- Programming, especially in regards to the variety of target audiences such as those with special needs and teens.

Next Meeting

The Board confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Craigsville Library.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Rebecca Lamb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Alleman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Secretary