

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of April 8, 2025 Meeting

ACCL Boardroom, 4:00 pm

Vice Chair Luke called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Trustees in attendance are Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Ritter, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Klein, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Atwater, Ms. Cox, and Mr. Woods. Absent were Ms. Lynch, Ms. Brickman, and Ms. Leitch. Staff members present were Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Price, Ms. Mayfield, Ms. Green, Ms. Plaksin, Ms. Josey, Ms. Hood, Ms. Shull, Ms. Swanson, and Ms. Shimobi-Obijuru. FOL Liaison, Rebecca Burns was also present.

Announcements:

Ms. Luke announced Stephanie Hall's resignation. Ms. Hall resigned after accepting a position out of state.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

- The draft minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda:

- The April 8, 2025 meeting agenda was adopted. (motioned by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Kurtz)

Financial Report:

Ms. Swanson presented Financial Report FY2025-Q3. She noted that the water bill was significantly higher than usual due to an issue with the air conditioning unit. The issue is being resolved and the ACC Water Business Office is reviewing the charges. She anticipates a credit. She then opened the floor for questions. The report was reviewed and unanimously accepted by the Board.

Committee Reports

Friends of the Library:

Ms. Burns reported that the 5K event was a success, with strong community support. She also shared that the Friends are committed to raising \$100,000 for the future East Side Branch by the end of next

year. They intend to designate these funds for the opening day collection and are working closely with the ACCL Foundation to achieve this goal.

Winterville:

Ms. Luke gave the report. She reported that artwork by teens from Our Resilient Community in Winterville is currently on display in the library. In February, Love Your Library Month was celebrated with a performance by the Merry Sunshine Band and the popular “Blind Date With A Book” program. Both were well received by patrons. Ms. Leitch was pleased to announce that the Winterville Library has been selected to receive an Artemis I Moon Tree. A celebration is planned for April 19, and everyone is invited to attend. This quarter, the library hosted 26 programs, circulated over 6800 items, and welcomed 1,673 visitors. There is a great deal happening at the Winterville Library.

Foundation:

A representative from the Foundation was not present to give the report.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee presented its recommendation to appoint Mr. Kirkpatrick to the Finance Committee and to fill the vacant Treasurer position on the Executive Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. (motioned by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Carter)

Director’s Report:

Ms. McIntyre gave the report.

Ms. McIntyre greeted the Board and directed them to review the Director’s Report prepared by Interim Director Darla Chambliss, which includes news and updates from the past quarter. Ms. McIntyre noted that this is her 17th day with the library system.

She reported that she is currently focused on organizing and streamlining internal documents to improve accessibility. She is also reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws, with the goal of presenting a draft of proposed edits at the next quarterly meeting. Specific areas under review include removing the fixed meeting date and time, correcting the section on teleconference meetings, and Board terms. Ms. McIntyre recommended forming an ad hoc Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Mr. Kurtz and Ms. Klein volunteered to serve.

With the Board’s approval, Ms. McIntyre proposed shifting the ACCL quarterly Board meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month to allow the Business Manager more time to prepare and present accurate financial reports.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed change.

Communications:

Ms. Pratt thanked Ms. Shimobi–Obijuru and Ms. Ballard for hosting “behind the scenes” library tours for local Girl Scout troops. She noted that the children had a great time and learned a lot from the experience.

New Business:

None

Board Actions:

- Approve hiring of 3 temporary summer staff - Unanimously approved (motioned by Ms. Bogue, seconded by Ms. Pratt)

Unfinished Business:

None

Adjourn:

With no further business, Vice Chair Klein adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m. Unanimously approved without opposition.

Next Meeting:

July 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.