

Athens-Clarke County Board Minutes of July 22, 2025 Meeting

ACCL Boardroom, 4:00 pm

Vice Chair Luke called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Trustees in attendance are Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Ritter, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Klein, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Atwater, Ms. Cox, Ms. Brickman, Ms. Leitch, Ms. Luke, and Ms. Decamp. Absent were Ms. Lynch, and Mr. Woods. Staff members present were Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Price, Ms. Mayfield, Ms. Green, Ms. Plaksin, Ms. Josey, Ms. Shull, and Ms. Shimobi-Obijuru. FOL Liaison, Rebecca Burns was also present.

Announcements:

Ms. Price and Ms. Shull announced that out of 440 applications, ACCL was selected to receive \$750 in grant funding as part of a national engagement campaign for the upcoming PBS documentary series *The American Revolution*, a six-part, 12 hour series that explores the complex origins of the United States. The library will also receive access to themed screening reels from the series, a promotional toolkit, discussion guides and event templates, connection to our local PBS station, as well as online tools and resources.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

- The draft minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved (motioned by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Ms. Brickman).

Financial Report:

In Ms. Swanson's absence, Financial Report FY2025-Q4 was presented by Ms. McIntyre. The report was reviewed and unanimously accepted by the Board (motioned by Ms. Brickman, seconded by Mr. Atwater).

Committee Reports

Friends of the Library:

Ms. Burns gave the report and presented board members with a handout outlining the impact of the Friends of ACCL during 2024–2025. She was pleased to announce that the library store has reopened and is now stocked with books, art, reading glasses, jewelry, and other remaining inventory. The Friends also plan to test offering coffee and pastries on select days. Preparations are underway for the Fall Book Sale.

Winterville:

Ms. Leitch gave the report. She shared that patrons enjoyed a visit from Brella Studio, a traveling art van, and had a wonderfully creative time decorating the van. Children and their families also enjoyed

visits from Pete the Cat and the Princesses of Athens during this quarter's programs. Unfortunately, due to extreme heat, the planned visit from Sweet Olive Animal Rescue had to be canceled. They hope to reschedule the visit in the future.

Foundation:

Ms. McIntyre gave the report. She was pleased to report that the Foundation's fund raising brochure is about to go to print. She will bring brochures to share with everyone at the next meeting.

Staff Reports:

Ms. McIntyre gave the report.

- Ms. McIntyre was pleased to announce that Niké Shimobi-Obijuru graduated with her degree in Library and Information Science. She has been promoted to the position of Library Manager at the Athens-Clarke County Library. She will continue to report to Trudi Green, ARLS Assistant Director.
- Darcy Calia, ARLS Public Information Officer has resigned. Director McIntyre plans to restructure the PIO office and position to place a stronger focus on community engagement and outreach. She is excited about the opportunities this new direction will bring.
- The ACCL Constitution and Bylaws were thoroughly reviewed by the committee appointed by the Board. Ms. McIntyre presented the committee's proposed revisions to the Board for consideration and approval.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Approval of proposed Constitution & Bylaws revision - Unanimously approved (motioned by Ms. Ritter, seconded by Ms. Pratt).
- Approval of FY26 Budget - Unanimously approved (motioned by Mr. Kutrz, seconded by Ms. Cox).

Adjourn:

With no further business, Vice Chair Luke adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Unanimously approved without opposition.

Next Meeting:

October 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.