

## **ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES of October 28, 2025**

Athens-Clarke County Library, Boardroom, 4:00 pm

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

### **Announcements:**

Ms. Green invited Board members to attend two upcoming programs at the Athens-Clarke County Library commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. On November 11, the Library will host a screening of *The American Revolution*, a PBS six-part, twelve-hour documentary series. As part of a grant award, the library received exclusive access to clips from each episode. On November 16, the Library will host an author talk with Dr. Claudio Saunt, author of *Unworthy Republic*.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- The draft minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved (motioned by Mr.. Kurtz, seconded by Ms. Carter).

### **Financial Report:**

Ms. Swanson presented Financial Report FY2026-Q1. The report was reviewed and unanimously accepted by the Board (motioned by Ms. Ritter, seconded by Ms. Pratt).

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Friends of the Library** - Ms. Burns gave the report. She reported that the Fall Book Sale did very well earning approximately \$29,000. The Friends are preparing for their Holiday Market event, which will be held on November 29. Ms. Burns noted that the Friends are always seeking new members and invited anyone interested in serving as a Friend to contact them.
- **Winterville** - Ms. Leitch gave the report. She shared that programming is going very well at the library and informed the board of a variety upcoming events including Treats on the Firefly Trail and Polar Express night. She was pleased to report that over the past quarter, they've held about 30 programs with approximately 875 attendees. The library also has new cushions for storytime.
- **Foundation** - Ms. McIntyre gave the report. She reported that new display boards illustrating the future East Side Library have been printed and will be on display at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale. She also reported that the Foundation received a significant donation to sponsor a study room.

## **Staff Reports:**

Ms. McIntyre gave the report.

- The library has submitted an application for the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) Innovation Initiative Award. The application focuses on our collaboration with ACCUG to install and activate the seven solar panels. Ms. McIntyre thanked the team that worked on this project.
- With the closure of Baker & Taylor, the library has transitioned to Ingram. Ms. McIntyre asked Ms. Josey to provide an update to the Board. Ms. Josey reported that there have been no issues so far. All processing is now being handled in-house, and she is monitoring the impact of this change on staff workload. She noted that supply costs have increased and that she is in regular communication with Ms. McIntyre throughout the transition.
- The Library hosted a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bogue to recognize their contribution toward making the Bogue Gallery a reality. The reception went well. The Gallery is managed by Theresa Rice, and the exhibition calendar is typically booked a year in advance.
- Ms. McIntyre invited board members to attend Staff Development Day that will be held in November. Garrick Scott, Director of Multiple Choices will be the keynote speaker.
- The Library partnered with the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society of Athens Technical College to host *Reclaiming Agency: Keeping the Story Alive*. Ms. McIntyre asked Ms. Price to share details with the Board. Ms. Price reported that the program was well attended and well received. The program featured a PBS documentary highlighting the history of Linnentown, followed by a reception, book signing, and panel discussion with Mayor Kelly Girtz, author Hattie Thomas Whitehead, and Michael Thurmond.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- None

## **New Business:**

- None

## **Adjourn:**

With no further business, Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Unanimously approved (motioned by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Pratt).

## **Next Meeting:**

January 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.