

Rock Island Public Library Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Rock Island Public Library – 2nd Floor, Downtown Library

Type of Meeting: Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Jenni Swanson

Invitees: Deborah Freiburg, Nick Hammond, Jo Noon, Aleatha Quarles, Dr. Yolanda Grandberry Pugh, Shelly Johnson; Eudell Watts III (Emeritus Board Member); Angela Campbell, Library Director; Daniel Cuneo, Business & Facilities Director; Lisa Lockheart, Marketing Manager; Kathy Lelonek, Foundation Director.

Prospective Board Members: Kim Miers, Alisha Haines

- I. Call to Order: President Swanson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. She then took a moment to welcome pending Trustee Alisha Haines. Alisha thanked everyone, expressed her excitement at becoming a member of the Library Board, and generally introduced herself to everyone.
- II. Attendance: Trustee Grandberry-Pugh and Foundation President Lelonek were absent.
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes –
 - Trustee Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on May 19, 2026. Trustee Noon seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed via voice vote with all in favor.
 - Trustee Noon moved to approve the minutes from the Community & Planning Committee meeting on June 9, 2026. Trustee Quarles seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed via voice vote with all in favor.
- V. Board Education –
 - Director Campbell and Marketing Manager Lockheart gave a primer on library advocacy for trustees, with special note to its importance during capital campaigns and budget cycles.
 - They also announced that they will be streaming advocacy training from the ALA on July 10th at the Watts-Midtown Library.
 - President Swanson asked about the recent press release from the IL Secretary of State regarding digital materials for libraries. Director Campbell explained that any savings resulting from pending legislation will go towards additional digital services for patrons.
- VI. Correspondence: None

VII. Committee Reports

A) Finance – Jenni Swanson

- President Swanson moved to approve monthly bills for May in the amount of \$ 58,827.42, and Trustee Noon seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed via roll call vote: all ayes, no nays.
- Discussion of CIP Requests – Director Campbell said that CIP requests for CY27 would be based on Cordogan Clark’s maintenance recommendations (from within the Downtown Library Master Plan.) It’s likely the Library will only be asking for funding toward their much-needed window replacement. She then announced that Senator Mike Halpin will be allocating \$250,000 towards that project.
- Personnel Requests – Directors Campbell & Cuneo walked the Board through the two potential new positions. They noted that Library staff had been cut significantly over the past ten years, and that continuously increasing need from the Rock Island community now demands the Library strategically expand staffing. They’re considering both a Safety Coordinator and a Technology Coordinator. Additional discussion is needed after the Library has a first draft of the CY27 budget.
- A Finance Committee Meeting was therefore scheduled for 10:30 A.M. on July 9th at the Downtown Library.

B) Art & Facilities – Jo Noon

- Trustee Noon introduced herself as the new chair of the Board’s Art & Facilities Committee. She’ll be scheduling a meeting with Director Cuneo in the coming month to onboard,
- Marketing Manager Lockheart and President Swanson announced the change in sculptures outside of the Downtown & Southwest libraries, courtesy of QC Arts.
- Director Cuneo explained the scope of the sail shade project for the Watts-Midtown patio. He and his maintenance team decided that the potential complications of the project require a specialty contractor. Director Cuneo is in the process of getting estimates from several vendors. So far, they are coming in below what he anticipated and wanted to know if the Board wanted to proceed. They discussed briefly and concluded that the sail shade project would complete the Watts space and make it much more usable for patrons and programming. Director Cuneo will put an option before the Board next month to vote on.
- Director Cuneo then announced that RIPL had been awarded one of the Illinois State Library’s Safety and Security Grants. The Downtown Library will receive just under \$100k to replace its fire system and security cameras. The latter will allow RIPL to begin one-on-one training in trauma-informed care, based on actual Library incidents.

C) Personnel & Policy – Trustee Freiburg had nothing new to report.

D) Planning & Community Relations –

- Trustee Grandberry-Pugh was absent, so Director Campbell have a brief report of the committee meeting held on June 9, 2026. The Board felt the thorough discussion was time well-spent, and they're excited to hear more about the new parental support initiative in the fall.
- Trustee Noon asked if the Library had programming planned to celebrate America 250. Marketing Manager Lockheart and Director Campbell responded that the Library had quite a bit scheduled and gave an overview of that programming. Market Manager Lockheart also explained the State-provided Illinois 250 passports that were being given out at libraries around the state.

E) Technology Ad-hoc Committee – Trustee Hammond had nothing new to report.

VIII. Foundation Updates – Foundation President Lelonek was absent. Director Campbell said everyone was looking forward to the “Food for Thought” fundraiser later in the week at the Hauberg Estate. Trustee Quarles asked if additional volunteers were needed, and Director Cuneo said they were not. The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026 at 4 P.M. at Watts-Midtown

IX. Administrator Reports

- Director Campbell noted that her report was long this month on account of how busy the Library and its staff were. She's especially proud of those staff and thinks they're “amazing.” The Board had no follow-up questions.
- The next Milan Blackhawk Area Public Library District meeting will be June 25, 2026 at 4 P.M. at the Southwest Library

X. Unfinished Business

1. Director Campbell revisited the gate count and hours discussion tabled during a previous meeting. At the time, the Library Board has deferred to the MB Board out of deference to their stewardship of the Southwest Library. The MB Board had all agreed that opening earlier at Southwest was the best option given the analytics. They feared losing evening programming, but Director Campbell had explained that wouldn't be the case given the unique layout of the building there; evening programming could continue in the community room even if the main portion was closed and locked.
2. A thirty-minute reduction in Saturday hours would negate the need for staff breaks and save the Library payroll funds as a result.
3. A formal proposal for an hours change will be voted on by the Library Board in July.
4. Director Campbell announced that her meeting about the Imagination Library with the Moline Townships was a resounding success. They're very interested in financially supporting the initiative.

XI. New Business

1. President Swanson asked her fellow trustees to review Board Committee assignments before new members are sworn in.
2. Director Campbell reviewed the State's new Per Capita Aid requirements with the Board. There were no follow-up questions.

XII. Information Sharing

- Unique Management Reports
- Board Standing Committees
- Board Contact Info & Terms
- State of America's Library Reports
- Letter from the IL Secretary of State

XIII. Executive Session – Not needed.

XIV. Announcements –

- Director Campbell reminded trustees about the ALA Advocacy Training on July 10, 2026 at 10am, Watts-Midtown Branch.
- The next Board Meeting will be July 21, 2026 at 5pm, Downtown Library. Director Cuneo and Trustees Johnson & Noon will be away.

XV. Adjournment – Trustee Freiburg moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 P.M. and Trustee Noon seconded. Everyone voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Cuneo
Business & Facilities Director