

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Jesse Lobbs, Chair. Present were board members Jesse Lobbs, Steve Younger, Scott Capes, Alex Mosakowski, Sarah Wyrick; Heather Caswell, Caron Daugherty, Mayor Errin Harter, Friends of the Library Liaison Harvey Foyle, Director Pauline Stacchini.

Approve Agenda: The agenda was approved. (MSP Capes/Mosakowski 6-0)

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Mosakowski/Capes 7-0.)

Public Comment: Stacchini shared letters and notes the library has received from patrons.

Treasurer's Report: Financials for February and March 2025: Approved including payment of bills. (MSP: Younger/Daugherty 7-0)

Unfinished Business:

- A. Review updated Community Information Policy. Approved: (MSP Capes/Daugherty 7-0)
- B. Board Officer Succession Planning
 - i. Steve Younger-term expires April 2025. He does not intend to continue.
 - ii. Caron Daugherty-term expires April 2026
 - iii. Alex Mosakowski-term expires April2026

New Business:

A. Director's Report: Stacchini reported on the cancellation of IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) which funds about 30% of the State Library of Kansas. EPL gets no federal funds directly, but does receive about \$5000/year from SLofK. This could mean the end of Interlibrary Loan in Kansas. (ILL is 3% of our checkouts) unless patrons pay part of the cost. Databases would be

cancelled, except those paid for by EPL, which includes Newsbank, Brainfuse, World Archives, Sunflower eLibrary/Overdrive, Kanopy. She shared what she has done in reaction, and what the public and library advocates can do.

B. 2026 Calendar: Reviewed and approved: (MSP Wyrick/Capes 7-0)

Friends Report: Foyle reported 105.5 volunteer hours sorting books in March. Match Day goal: improving the children's patio.

Board Comment: Lobbs spoke for the board, thanking Steve Younger for his years of services as Treasurer of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Wyrick, Secretary

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