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## Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board - August 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Montgomery at 3:05 PM.

**Roll Call** - Board Members Present: James Gartland, Cindy Montgomery, Jill Goldsmith, Lisa O'Day, Bea Brittan, and Beki Perkins. Staff present: Wendy Moulton, and Kara Cromwell.

### Action Items

- 2026 Budget - Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the City cutting the Library share of the mill levy budget for 2026. Wendy had received an email from the City Manager indicating that this might be the case. After a long discussion a motion was made by Jim to submit the proposed Draft B of the 2026 Library budget to the City Manager to use in his presentation to the City Commission on August 11, 2025, seconded by Lisa; Motion carried unanimously.
- City Lease Agreement - Discussion took place regarding the lease agreement between the City and the Library. Questions arose as to some of the terms of the agreement and how they are defined. A memo from Wendy to the City outlining some of these concerns was reviewed. After some further discussion it was determined to wait until after the budget process is complete to pursue any further action this matter.
- Property Insurance Rebates - Discussion took place regarding property insurance rebates that the City receives each year and how they may apply to the Library. A memo from Wendy to the City outlining some of these concerns was reviewed. After some further discussion it was determined to wait until after the budget process is complete to pursue any further action this matter.

### Discussion Items

- Discussion took place regarding the August 11 City Commission meeting. It was decided that as many Board members as possible should attend the meeting in case there was a need for testimony and/or support for the Library budget discussion.

At 4:30 PM, Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beki; Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

James S. Gartland, Secretary