



ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board - August 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Montgomery at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call - Board Members Present: James Gartland, Cindy Montgomery, Jill Goldsmith, Lisa O'Day, Bea Brittan, Beki Perkins and Brandon Rein. Staff present: Wendy Moulton, Jamie Ely and Kara Cromwell. - Guest in attendance - Interim City Manager Jon Quinday.

Consent Agenda - *Beki moved to approve the consent agenda including previous meeting minutes and financial reports, seconded by Jim; Motion carried unanimously.*

Correspondence - None

Director's Report

- Report was reviewed and discussed.

Children & Teen Services

- Report was reviewed and discussed.

Action Items

- New Board Member - After discussion, *Jill moved to accept Megan Powell as the new Board member to fill the vacancy left by Tony Serbousek departing, seconded by Lisa; Motion carried unanimously.*
- Personal Appearance and Grooming Policy - After discussion, *Jim moved to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Beki; Motion carried unanimously.*
- Leave of Absence Policy - After discussion, *Jill moved to accept the policy as presented, seconded by Jim; Motion carried unanimously.*
- City Lease Agreement - Discussion ensued regarding the City Attorney's opinion on routine vs non-routine maintenance and how bigger items may be considered Capital Improvements. Mr. Quinday stated he would be willing to work with the Library to help clean up the ambiguities in the agreement.
- Property Insurance Rebates - The Library's portion of the total City insurance cost is approximately 1.3% so it is not really a factor with regard to any rebates received. It was also noted to possibly include some of the outdoor displays/equipment with regard to insurance renewals.
- 2026 Budget - It was noted that the Board had approved Draft B of the budget presentation at the emergency meeting of August 10, so no further action was needed.

Discussion Items

- City Ordinance - Discussion took place regarding City ordinance number 21-3405 outlining the Library's mill limits, etc. It was noted that the City could change this ordinance by a simple vote. Two Attorney General Opinions seem to reach differing conclusions. No action was taken.
- Budget Presentation - It was discussed weather a formal public presentation was needed for the Library's budget. It was determined that a formal presentation may not be necessary, but it should be noted on the website or by other means that the budget is available to the public.

Next meeting is September 9, 2025.

At 5:20 PM, Jill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa; Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.


James S. Gartland, Secretary