

South Country Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 21, 2026
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

G. Marschall called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: G. Marschall, C. Walsh, ~~M. Falkowitz~~, N. Marr, J. Neal, R. Crawford, ~~A. Wilkins Robinson~~

Absent with Notice: M. Falkowitz, A. Wilkins Robinson

Administration- K. Sembler, P. O'Leary

3 staff members in the audience

No members of the public in attendance

II. Remarks from the Audience

III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2026 meeting. (Walsh, Neal; unanimous)

IV. 1. Oath of Office (J. Neal, R. Crawford)

2. Signing of the Trustee Ethics & Conflict of Interest form (all Trustees)

3. Nominating Committee presents Slate of Officers for vote:

President- Geoffrey Marschall
Vice President- Mary Falkowitz
Secretary- Joann Neal
Treasurer- Cecelia Walsh

Motion to approve the Slate of Officers. (Neal, Crawford; unanimous)

4. Committee Assignments

V. Report of the Treasurer

A. Balance Sheets

1. General Fund \$3,420,121.52

2. Capital Fund \$2,650,166.82

3. Endowment Fund \$39,429.09

B. Operating Warrants

G. Marschall stated that the treasurer's report be placed on file for audit.

VI. Report of the Administrators

Passport update, Reference odor, and the community survey were among the topics discussed.

Motion to approve the Report of the Administrators. (Neal, Crawford; unanimous)

VII. Report of the Committees:

A. Budget & Finance- no report.

B. Buildings & Grounds- no report.

C. Personnel- no report

D. Nominating- Present Slate of Officers at May's meeting.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Public Access to Records Policy

Motion to approve the revised policy. (Neal, Crawford; unanimous)

B. Hubbard Fund Request

Motion to approve the Hubbard Fund request to cover expenses for the Haunted Library program for an amount not to exceed \$500. (Crawford, Walsh; unanimous)

C. Audit Proposal

Motion to approve the proposal from Baldessari & Coster to conduct the annual audit for an amount not to exceed \$13,000. (Neal, Marr; unanimous)

D. Starting Salaries Approval Request

Motion to approve the increase to the clerical starting wage to \$21.00 per hour, and the Librarian Trainee to \$50,013.60 per year and the Librarian I to \$58,003.40 per year. (Crawford, Walsh; unanimous)

X. Other-

XI. Remarks from the Audience

XII. Executive (if needed)

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. (Walsh, Marr; unanimous)