

Kankakee Public Library July 15, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Kankakee Public Library Board of Trustees began at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kent Wade, Vena Burkes, Liz Barbosa, Bonnie Brewer, Mike Gall, Bruce Conway, Michael Costanza arrived at 5:36pm and Geraldine Adams arrived at 5:55pm.

Absent: Ruth Hatcher

Also present were: Allison Beasley, Library Director, Vicki Forquer, Director of Library Resources, Camille Rose, Director of Library Resources, Korie Worth, Business Manager

Review of Minutes: The June minutes were reviewed. Gall made a motion to approve the minutes and Burkes seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Communications: Director Beasley presented the June statistics to the board. Assistant Director Rose discussed the staff newsletter's role in helping breakdown departmentalization.

Bills and Invoices and Financial Report: The bills and invoices for June were presented to the board. Burkes motioned to approve the bills and invoices for the library and Brewer seconded. The board approved unanimously. The June Kankakee Events Partnership bills and invoices were presented. Burkes motioned to approve and Gall seconded. The board approved unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Beasley reported the following: the library is still awaiting the first installment of property taxes; these are expected at the end of July. Youth Services held a very successful Family Fun Day. The departments are discussing how to enhance the Juneteenth programming. Merchant Street MusicFest planning has been so much work this year with new people in place. Director Beasley has been working on sponsorships and brought in more than typical this year.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: CNG has officially been hired as the new MSP for KPL.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Brewer motioned to adjourn at 6:23pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Korie Worth.