

Knoxville Public Library Board Meeting

May 5, 2026

Call to Order: The May, 2026 Board Meeting was called to order by President Rose Garrison.

Attending members:

Kathy Breeden	Pat Rose
Pam Eagle	Doug Slaton
Rose Garrison	Rae Slaton
Val Morris	
Knoxville City Council: Angie Hillier	

Absent: Ann Peck & Kaarina Stanley

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report: Secretary Val Morris read last month's Board Meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report: Rae Slaton
Seconded: Kathy Breeden
Secretary's Report was approved by the Board

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Slaton presented the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Pam Eagle
Seconded: Pat Rose
Treasurer's Report approved by the Board.

Bills Presented for Payment: Bills were reviewed by the board.

Motion to Approve Bills for Payment: Doug Slaton
Seconded: Pat Rose
The bills were approved for payment.

Librarian's Report: Librarian Michelle Walker reported the following:

Library visited: 271 Times
Circulation: 871 Items
New Users: 5 Adult, 2 Juvenile, 1 Student, 3 Non-Resident

The copier reached 100,000 copies. Office Specialists serviced in response to a notification via the copier. The copier is in good working order and should continue to work well for us.

May 1: ABC inspected and serviced the fire extinguishers.

Unfinished Business: The 2026-2027 budget was discussed and finalized.

Motion to accept the budget with a zero balance after the reserve was brought forward to balance the budget was made by Rae Slaton
Seconded by Kathy Breeden
The budget was approved to present to City Council.

New Business: Pat Rose, Pam Eagle and Rae Slaton will remain on the Library Board. All members will remain as is.

Election of the 2026-2027 Library Board Officers- the following members were voted into office:
Rose Garrison was nominated for Library Board President by Rae Slaton; seconded by Kathy Breeden. The nomination passed.
Ann Peck was nominated for Library Board Vice-President by Rae Slaton; seconded by Pam Eagle. The nomination passed.
Doug Slaton was nominated for Library Board Treasurer by Pam Eagle; seconded by Pat Rose. The nomination passed.
Val Morris was nominated for Library Board Secretary by Pat Rose; seconded by Kathy Breeden. The nomination passed.

New Hire: Angelina Comandini applied and interviewed for the available part-time position. She will work on two Saturdays a month through the summer until she leaves for college this fall. This will help get Saturday library hours back to normal. She will also cover some hours in June when Michelle goes to Mayo's. City Council has already approved hiring Angelina.

Motion was made to hire Angelina Comandini: Pam Eagle
Seconded by: Kathy Breeden
Motion passed.

Maintenance: The tuck pointing on the library is still an issue. Pam Eagle will get in touch with Corey Link regarding the portion of façade that fell. The rest of the tuck pointing will have to be done by a larger company, so Corey's employer, Otto Baum Company will get us an estimate.

Kathy Breeden proposed adding a pot of flowers by Peg Biven's memorial bench. Kathy will provide the flowers. Doug Slaton advised he may have a flower pot he can donate.

Council Report: City Council member, Angie Hillier reported the following:

Phase 1 of the sidewalk work will begin by this fall to make the sidewalks handicap accessible. Phase 2 may possibly begin this year as well.

Currently, there is no scheduled date for Property Tax Notices to be sent.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Rae Slaton
Seconded: Kathy Breeden
The meeting was adjourned: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Val Morris