

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Waverly Public Library

Tuesday 11 August 2026 / Waverly Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Kim Folkers, Jim Janssen (Chair), Erin Jones, Nicole Lehman, Deanna McCue, James Perry, Michael Sherer (Secretary), Angie Wessel, Robert Wharram.

Also present: Sarah Meyer (Library Director)

Absent: Ann Rathe (City Council Liaison)

Call to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda was approved as presented (*Jones / McCue*).

New Library Trustees, Kim Folkers and Nicole Lehman, were introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Minutes. July minutes were approved (*Wharram / Wessel*).

Financials. *Meyer* walked members through current status of the 26-27 budget. She noted much of the book purchase line item has been spent early in the fiscal year, which is according to plan. The building/ maintenance category shows one-third of the yearly budget has already been spent, reminding the board that the building is 30 years old and that increasing costs are expected. The board was reminded that Friends of the Library contribute approximately \$25,000 annually to the library. *Sherer* suggested it might be well to show, somewhere in print, what the city's budgeted contribution to the library amounts to. July financial report approved from committee, as per standing resolution.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Future Budgeting. *Perry* provided a lengthy and enlightening overview of the dynamic involved in the library's interplay with city government. He reminded board members that the city authorizes an annual funding amount to the library but does not control how the library trustees allocate the funds.

Committee Appointments. Board members ratified (*Jones / Wessel*) the following appointments:

Lehman to Personnel & Policies Committee

Folkers to Budget & Finance Committee

Lehman to Special Projects Committee

An addition to the Foundation Board is yet to be determined.

Public Posting of Board Meeting times and location. In response to new guidelines from the Iowa legislature, it was proposed that Library Board meeting agendas with times and locations will be posted on the front doors of the library and also on the Web site. Motion carried (*Perry / Lehman*).

Closing the Library. *Meyer* requested permission to close the library on October 8-9 in order to enable staff to attend the Iowa Library Association conference. The request was approved (*Lehman / Sherer*).

Committee Reports. *Building and Grounds* is exploring with city officials possible locations and facilities for housing the library bookmobile. *Library Foundation* has a seven-month certificate of deposit investment in process. The Foundation account balance currently amounts to approximately one-half-million dollars. *Friends of the Library* is organizing its annual membership drive. A future presentation by the Friends to the Waverly Rotary Club is being planned. *Strategic Plan.* *Meyer* will provide quarterly reports.

Director's Comments. *Meyer* played a video documenting the 2026 summer reading program. Participants evidenced a high level of enthusiasm and appreciation for staff efforts in creating the program.

Adjournment at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer
Secretary, Library Board of Trustees