

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday May 7, 2025

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Rooms at the Lawton Public Library.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Patricia Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patricia Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair (Arrived at 4:27 pm); Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for April 2, 2025 as presented. (Couch/Viruet)

Reports:

- No customer comments or correspondence was presented to the Board.
- The Financial Report was given.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the City is currently under a hiring freeze.
 - Kristin also stated that it is nearly the year end and there are still some reimbursable grants to be taken care of.
- The Director's Report was given.
 - Kristin spoke about the various events that had taken place recently including National Library Week, two art exhibits, Money Smart Week, BEAK Week Hula Hoop classes, and the upcoming Summer Reading Program.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given.
 - Fermin stated that the most recent Friends meeting took place on April 20th with Dede Armes as the speaker.
 - Fermin also stated that the next meeting is to take place on July 28th with Tammy Whitman as the speaker.
- The Family and Local History Report was given.
 - A written update on the Family and Local History area was given to the Board by Clifford Takawana, Family and Local History Librarian.
 - Kristin also reported that the last cart of books in the Family and Local History section had their catalog information changed.
- The City Council Report was given.
 - Sherene informed the Board that the next City Council meeting is take place on May 13th and followed by another on May 27th. A D&D meeting is also to take place on May 27th.

- Sherene stated that citizens will not be fined for having items out for trash bulk pick up ahead of time or having too tall of grass until May 26th due to the recent rains.
- The Grants Report was given.
 - A spreadsheet of the Library's current year grants was presented to the Board.
 - Kristin informed the Board that Julia Chambers, Library Associate, had applied and received a grant to get a discounted AED for the Library.
 - Kristin stated that the Priddy Foundation offered the Library more money.
 - Kristin also briefed the Board on the various grants that the Lawton Adult Literacy Center had applied for.

Business:

- Kristin gave the Board a briefing about the state of the ceiling project.
 - Kristin stated that the plan is 65% done and presented a set of plans to the Board.
 - There was a discussion about funding and a letter from the McMahon Foundation stating they had tabled the funding request.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm./Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III