

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday June 4, 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 4:01 pm by Patricia Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patricia Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member (Absent); Michael Wilson, Member; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director (Absent); Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison; Tanya Organ, Community Engagement Librarian

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for May 7, 2025 as presented.
(Couch/Kremmer)

Reports:

- A report detailing the various STEAM events and programs occurring at the Library was given.
 - Tanya Organ, Community Engagement Librarian, informed the Board that the Friends of the Library were paying for a Lawton Public Schools teacher to teach STEM classes at the Library. These include classes about robotics with help from Cameron University students, 3D printing, Legos, and more.
 - Kristin notified the Board that the Friends of the Library were requesting money from the STEM Committee to create a Lego team.
- No customer comments or correspondence was presented to the Board.
- The Financial Report was given.
 - Kristin reported that the fiscal year was nearly over and the Library has stopped spending.
- The Director's Report was given.
 - Kristin spoke about the various updates to the Branch Library including the new locker wrap, new landscaping, and a newly painted door.
 - A written report from the Community Engagement Team was presented to the Board detailing the numerous events, partnerships, and outreach that had occurred.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given.
 - Frantzie informed the Board about the upcoming Chautauqua events.
 - Kristin stated that the next Friends meeting is to take place at the end of July.
- 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.
- The City Council Report was given.

- Sherene informed the Board that the next City Council meetings are to take place on June 10th and June 24th.
- Sherene also notified the Board about various upcoming events in Lawton including a Juneteenth event at New Jerusalem Church and a Juneteenth celebration spanning from June 19th to June 21st.
- The Grant Report was given.
 - A spreadsheet of the Library's current year grants was presented to the Board.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the Priddy Foundation had given the Library \$70,000.00.

Business:

- Kristin gave the Board a briefing about the state of the ceiling project.
 - Kristin stated that the City was looking into applying for a loan that would help fund CIP projects possibly including the Library ceiling project.

Comments from the Floor:

- Patty notified the Board that the Pro Musica Concert was taking place on Saturday June 7, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm. /Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III