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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 18, 2025
State Library of Louisiana
701 North Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, La
5th Floor Capitol View Room
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Lindsey Cronk, Marian Fertitta, Darryl Gissel, James Lee, Chair, Dorothy White, and Meg Placke, Secretary

I. Call to Order

James Lee called the meeting to order at 10:04

II. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Agenda

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the agenda, which was made by Marian Fertitta and seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting held August 19, 2025.

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion, which was seconded by Dorothy White.

V. Reports

A. State Librarian's Report

Meg Placke provided the board with the State Librarian's report which included information on the following: Budget, Personnel, New Associate State Librarian, Check Out Louisiana Program, Back-to-School Mailing, New Library Directors Training, Literacy and Learning Lab Grand Opening, State Library Family Search Affiliation, Louisiana Center for the Book Attends National Book Festival, State Library Hosts Fall Administrative Librarians' Conference, and Building Updates.

B. Departmental Quarterly Reports

Department Heads shared updates from the quarterly report for their departments. Participants were Kevin Calbert, Jamie Hebert, Jeirico Howard, Giovanni Tairov, and Robert Wilson.

VI. Announcements

- A. Next meeting – January 22, 2026, at 10am
- B. Call for agenda items for future meetings – LBF Attendance

VII. Adjournment

James Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion, which was seconded by Lindsey Cronk. The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

This meeting is held in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meeting Law, La. R.S. 42:11 et seq. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:14, public comments will be allowed. Public comment must be related to an agenda item. Public comments may be submitted in writing.