

MINUTES
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
August 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Steven Marx in the Community Room, Main Library, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Ruth Bittner, Cecilia Buckner, Steve Marx, Roberta Parks, Jacob Roberts

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: Margaret Cousin

Staff Members Present: Veronica De Fazio, Deputy Director; Sue Kaufman, Reference Librarian; and Randall Yelverton, Executive Director

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 1, 2025

A motion was made by Roberta Parks, seconded by Jacob Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

B. Update on Strategic Plan

Yelverton outlined upcoming meetings with the Strategic Planning Group and Management Team, as well as the timeline for presenting the plan to the full Board.

Parks expressed concern in getting staff buy-in to the Strategic Plan after seeing the post-retreat feedback. The group agreed that Fast Forward Libraries should be consulted about this issue. Roberts suggested the post-retreat feedback be shared with all Trustees.

C. Update on Executive Director's Goals

Yelverton reviewed the document detailing progress on the Director's Goals for the second quarter of 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

In speaking about the post-retreat feedback, the committee agreed that the Board needs to explore ways for the Trustees to be more visible to the staff and active in Library activities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Steven Marx, Chair
Strategic Planning Committee
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