

MINUTES
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Building Committee of the Board of Library Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chair Margaret Cousin in the LL2 Conference Room of the Main Library, 107 NE Monroe St., Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ruth Bittner, Cecilia Buckner, Margaret Cousin, Jacob Roberts (via Zoom), and Roberta Parks

Other Board Members Present: None

Members Absent: Scot Driscoll, Kevin Kinne, and Barbara Van Auken

Staff Present: Veronica De Fazio, Deputy Director; and Randall Yelverton; Executive Director

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Roberta Parks, seconded by Ruth Bittner, to approve the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of October 22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE

None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Building Projects

Randall Yelverton provided an overview of several current and upcoming projects including:

- The staining on the outside of the North Branch is completed
- For staff safety and care of the library materials, it is recommended that the book drop at the North Branch be removed from its current position in the parking lot to an area near the front door, under the overhang.
- The fence between the McClure Branch building and the park will be replaced.
- The McClure parking lot will be repaved and striped
- Water fountains are being replaced at McClure and Main
- A new security system will be installed for the entire Library after Office 365 is rolled out.
- New LED lights will replace older light fixtures
- The Library has a bison on Main Street as part of Peoria County's Bicentennial Celebration.

Roberta Parks inquired about moving the drop off ballot box from the Civic Center to the Lincoln Branch. Yelverton responded that he would follow up with her with more information.

B. Update on Peacock Chairs

Yelverton expressed his thanks for assistance from Zac Zetterberg at the Peoria Riverfront Museum in determining an estimated value for the chairs. Yelverton will reach out to the Wright Auction House in regards to a more specific value for the Library's Hans Wegner chairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

In light of the recent gas leak at Lincoln Branch, Margaret Cousin requested that Yelverton let the Board know immediately when something such as this happens, using messaging that makes the scope of the issue clear. Yelverton agreed and stated that he and Maintenance Manager, Rufus Nelson, have an upcoming appointment with Ameren.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Margaret E. Cousin, Chair
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