

June 17, 2026 – Williamsburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The Williamsburg Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Board members present were Tony Dacey, Natasha Mensen, Leslie Neuhring, Karen Wichmann, and Becky Claypool. Library Director Briana White was also present.

A quorum being present, the Board reviewed the May library statistics, summer reading program updates, and board membership and officer discussions. Patron usage remained steady during May, with 15 new library cards issued. Summer Reading has had an outstanding start, including a record 48 adult reading logs picked up during the kickoff event. The children's program was also extremely successful, with all 200 reading logs distributed.

Staff provided updates on upcoming and ongoing library programming. The Senior Social continues to grow, with the possibility of partnering with Senior Planet to offer technology education for older adults. Cook the Book will move to the park for its next meeting, while additional programs include karaoke with Sundown, an upcoming puzzle competition, Robinson's Reptiles, participation in Third Friday, and a Girls Who Code preview session for students entering grades 4–6. Story Time in the park welcomed 41 attendees, Tuesday Treats partnered with the Johnson County Health Department, and the current StoryWalk featuring *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle, along with the tissue paper window display, has received very positive community feedback.

Board governance was reviewed, including trustee appointments, term lengths, attendance requirements, and term limits. The Board consists of eight resident members and one non-resident member. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval, serve staggered six-year terms, and are limited to two consecutive terms under city code. The Board also discussed attendance requirements, noting that city code allows removal after six consecutive absences, although the library bylaws will be reviewed to verify consistency. Additional discussion included the library's cost-sharing agreements with Parnell and Ladora for services such as Bridges e-content.

The Board received Karen Wichmann's resignation, which has been submitted directly to the Mayor. Leslie Neuhring confirmed she is willing to continue serving on the Board, while Mike's intentions regarding another term remain unknown. As a result, officer elections were postponed until Mike's status is confirmed. Discussion also included the board appointment process, with applications to be forwarded to the Mayor along with recommendations for consideration.

Action items include contacting Mike regarding his board service, forwarding board applications and recommendations to the Mayor, verifying attendance requirements in the library bylaws, and scheduling the Director's annual performance review once appropriate. Kathryn Heitmann also confirmed that she is willing to continue serving as Board Secretary and recording meeting minutes. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.