

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lafayette Public Library Board of Control

November 17, 2025

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The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was held in the meeting room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Library at 301 West Congress Street on November 17, 2025. Allan Moore, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**I. Roll Call and Invocation**

Board Members Present: Allan Moore, Board Vice President; Ella Arsement; Erasto Padron, Eric Baquet, Rena Bradley, Christopher Holmes

Board Members Absent: Daniel Kelly, Board President

Other Staff Present: Danny Gillane, Library Director; Larry Angelle, Library Operations Manager; Nancy Hebert, Administrative Assistant; Stuart Breaux, Attorney

The invocation was led by Rena Bradley.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Allan Moore led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Comments from the Library Board**

Ella Arsement asked the Board to reintroduce the vote for the Board Meeting Calendar for 2026 as a matter of clarification for the record.

Allan Moore made a motion to add the item of the Board Meeting Calendar to the agenda. This was seconded by Christopher Holmes.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

Ella Arsement made a motion to accept the Board Meeting Calendar for 2026 with the February meeting date change to February 9, 2026 instead of February 16, 2026. This was seconded by Christopher Holmes.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

#### **IV. Director's Report**

#### **V. Assistant Director's Report**

Library Director Danny Gillane combined the reports as Assistant Director Dawn Williams was absent.

Staff changes and vacancies were announced to the Board.

In the past month, the Director attended the Friends' monthly board meeting and the Foundation monthly board meeting.

In October, there were a total of 71,330 patron visits and there were 129,922 total checkouts. Patron attendance was 24% higher than the previous month. 7,697 patrons attended 376 programs. The Bookmobile made 37 stops and had 674 patron visits. 50 deliveries were made to homebound patrons.

The library has subscribed to EZ Proxy for remote access to most digital resources. This will streamline remote authentication and standardize the library's process. The library has expanded digital offerings and will soon be announcing new or enhanced content. While there is not a current concentrated effort in recognizing how marketing affects patron attendance at programs, the library has changed how social media is handled and will be moving forward with a new marketing plan in the current fiscal year. This plan includes measuring outcomes to show that the investment was worthwhile.

#### **VI. Facilities & Financial Update**

A budget revision moving 500K into the Main Library Elevator Modernization Project is to be introduced to the Parish Council on November 18, 2025 and adopted December 2, 2025. Pending the budget revision, the project will then be sent to the Purchasing department to initiate the bidding process.

HVAC equipment has arrived and replacement has begun at the South Regional Library. Unit 1 air handler blower motor failed/burnt the weekend of November 15, 2025 setting off the fire alarm. The contractor was able to begin replacement of the unit the following day. The plan

was to change Unit 4 first; however, with the immediate need to replace Unit 1 the schedule was readjusted to replace Unit 4 at a later date.

A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for the re-roofing project at the South Regional Library. The contractor has begun delivering roofing material and is gearing up for the project.

A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for the renovation project at the North Regional Library. The temporary site is now operational thanks to Library Maintenance and IT staff. The move-out process at North Regional is progressing well. NRL staff loaded the collection onto rented carts and shelving assembled at the warehouse by Library Maintenance staff. Construction is tentatively scheduled for December.

The revenues for FY24/25 (beginning November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2025) are at 15.8M and expenses are at 14.8M. Currently there is roughly 1M in surplus. This is yet to be finalized with additional expenses likely to occur. No report is provided for FY26 (beginning November 1, 2025 and ending October 31, 2026).

The library worked with the Mayor of Carencro to find the temporary location for the North Regional Library. The library and the Carencro police department worked with the school system to move the current bus stop site to a different location because many buses stopped at the community center next to North Regional. This will keep children from being dropped off near the construction site.

A question was raised about whether the library had worked with the City of Carencro on publicizing the closure of North Regional and the opening of a temporary location. The Director stated that this outreach will take place.

## **VII. Approval of Minutes**

Ella Arsement noted that on the October 20, 2025 minutes, under VIII. New Business B. Board Meetings, it stated that Rena Bradley had abstained from the Board Meeting vote, when she had voted to approve. She asked that this adjustment be made.

A motion to change the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to reflect that Rena Bradley be moved from the abstained portion and moved to the yeas portion of VIII. New Business B. Board Meetings was made by Ella Arsement and seconded by Rena Bradley.

Allan Moore clarified for the record that under VIII. New Business B. Board Meetings, that this was changing Rena Bradley's record vote from abstained to yea. This was seconded by Rena Bradley.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes reflected accurately with the last vote was made by Allan Moore. This was seconded by Christopher Holmes.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Election of Officers – Vice President**

Allan Moore called for the vote for Vice President first and nominated Ella Arsement. Rena Bradley nominated herself for the office of Vice President.

Bradley for Vice President:

Yeas: Bradley

Nays: Padron, Arsement, Baquet, Moore, Holmes

Abstained:

Absent: Kelly

Arsement for Vice President:

Yeas: Padron, Arsement, Baquet, Moore, Holmes

Nays: Bradley

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

Ella Arsement will serve as Vice President for the 2026 term.

#### **B. Election of Officers – President**

Ella Arsement nominated Allan Moore for President. Rena Bradley nominated Eric Baquet for President.

Baquet for President:

Yeas: Bradley

Nays: Padron, Arsement, Baquet, Moore, Holmes

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

Moore for President:

Yeas: Padron, Arsement, Baquet, Moore, Holmes

Nays: Bradley

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

Allan Moore will serve as President for the 2026 term.

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. Library Book Discards**

A motion for the library to discard 4,553 books having been out of use for over a year due to the books being superseded, obsolete, unused, or otherwise unnecessary was made by Christopher Holmes and seconded by Erasto Padron.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

### **B. December Meeting**

Allan Moore made a motion that the Board agree to not have a regularly scheduled meeting for the month of December 2025. This was seconded by Christopher Holmes.

Yeas: Moore, Arsement, Padron, Baquet, Bradley, Holmes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kelly

The motion carried.

**X. Announcements**

- A. Reminder that there will be a special meeting of the Library Board on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the Lafayette City-Parish Council Auditorium.
- B. Reminder that yearly ethics training and sexual harassment training must be completed before December 31, 2025.

**XI. Comments from the public on any other library matter not on this agenda**

Eb Hoehl, Debbie Hoehl, and Gini McWhirter commented.

Legal Counsel Stuart Breaux reiterated that law enforcement is allowed to be in the room during the Board meetings. Law enforcement is not allowed to be posted toward the front of the room because it was considered that it may have a chilling effect on people's speech and feel threatening. Law enforcement is allowed in the back or on the side of the room and is ready to defend if there is any situation that requires such. In the event that enforcement feels the need to move to the front, they are free to do as they feel necessary.

Erasto Padron thanked the Board, Library Administration, and the public for the support and love of the system felt during his time on the Board. Ella Arsement and Allan Moore thanked Erasto Padron for his service on the Board and for the country.

**XII. Closing Prayer, Adjournment**

Allan Moore led the Board in a closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danny Gillane, Secretary