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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 1, 2026
State Library of Louisiana – Capitol View Room
701 North Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, La
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Nicole Allmon-Learson, Lindsay Cronk, Marian Fertitta, Darryl Gissel, James Lee, Chair, and Dorothy White

I. Call to Order
James Lee called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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 Darryl Gissel and seconded by Dorothy White. The motion held and the agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting held January 22, 2026
James Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Marian Fertitta made the motion, which was seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion held and the minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Meg Placke provided the board with the State Libarian's report which included information on Budget, Personnel, Check Out LA Museums name change, America 250 Event, Connect LA Etouffee Grant, Homework LA, LA CFTB presence at National Book Festival, National Service Medal, Music Literacy Garden, Restoration of Emery Lin sculpture, and Facility improvements.
B. Department Heads contributed reports upon request.

VI. Appointment of State Library Board of Examiners

James Lee asked for a motion to reappoint Amanda Taylor. Darryl Gissel made the motion and Dorothy White seconded. Lee asked for a motion to appoint Kelly LaRocca. Marian Fertitta made the motion and Lindsay Cronk seconded. The motion carried with both candidates being unanimously approved by the board.

VII. Election of Officers for FY2026-2027

A. **Chair** - Darryl Gissel motioned to nominate James Lee as Chair, which was seconded by Lindsay Cronk. The motion carried unanimously.
B. **Vice-Chair –** James Lee motioned to nominate Dorothy White, which was seconded by Marian Fertitta and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

A. Louisiana Book Festival
    i. Author's Party – Friday, October 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
    ii. Festival – Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
B. Next meeting – Friday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.
C. Charters of Freedom Ceremony – Saturday, September 19th

IX. Adjournment

James Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion which was seconded by Lindsay Cronk. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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.