

Minutes of WFPL Board of Governance Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
Century Library, 7991 N. Century Blvd., Century Fl., 32535
Pensacola, FL., 32502

Board Members:

- Lori NeSmith, Chair
- Kenneth “Blaine” Wall, Vice Chair
- John Bullock, Member
- Liza Campbell, Member
- Joyce Hopson, Member

Administration:

- Todd Humble, Director of Library Services
- Christal Bell-Rivera, Deputy Director of Library Services
- Tricia Sheridan, Director’s Aide

Absent:

- None

I. Call to Order

- Ms. NeSmith called the meeting to order at 4:12p.m.
- Proof of Publication was received.
- Quorum was met.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. NeSmith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

III. Public Forum

- No public present

IV. Approval of the Agenda

V. Approval of Minutes

- Mr. Bullock made a motion to approve March 24, 2025, minutes. Dr. Hopson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VI. Chair's Report

- Ms. NeSmith shared that the Friends of the West Florida Public Library had a great turn out for their book sale.
- She also thanked the library staff for the weekly reports.

VII. Branch Manager's Report

- Stevie Thomas was introduced as the new Branch Manager for the Century Library. Ms. Thomas shared that she has been with the system for five years. She would like to see the number of patrons served increase and will focus on increasing the number of patrons through outreach programs like the bi-weekly care center and increased advertising. Summer programming has been scheduled and there will be 10 programs/performers to visit the Century Library. She is also moving the crochet program from the Pensacola Library to Century. She was thanked by a patron who started their own small business and did so using the computers at the library.

VIII. Library Director's Report

- The library has been authorized to receive over \$50,000.00 through the E-rate for the next fiscal year.
- Myrtle Grove has been designated a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and it is highly likely that a library will be built there within the next few years.
- Brownsville Library has IT issues and the Commissioners are trying to coordinate a new grand opening date, so the library is not ready to be opened yet.
- An additional \$230,000.00 has been added to BOCC agenda for approval for E-books.
- The Board is invited to attend the BOCC meeting on May 1, 2025, during which time our employee, Chris Patterson, will be receiving an Employee of the Month award.

IX. New Business

- The ILL policy was discussed. Dr. Wall made a motion to approve the policy with changes. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Ms. NeSmith stepped down as Chair but will stay on the board for the remainder of her term. The Board unanimously voted in Dr. Wall as new Chair and Mr. Bullock as Vice Chair.

X. Old Business

- Mr. Bullock asked if there were any challenged books currently happening and Ms. Thomas replied “no”.

XI. Open Board Discussion

- Ms. Thomas provided a tour of the Century Library to the board members.

XII. Next Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at the Westside Library, 1301 W. Gregory St. Pensacola, FL., 32505.

XIII. Adjournment – Ms. NeSmith adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.