

Minutes of WFPL Board of Governance Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
Westside Library, 1301 W. Gregory St., 32502
Pensacola, FL., 32502

Board Members:

- Kenneth “Blaine” Wall, Chair
- John Bullock, Vice Chair
- Lori NeSmith, 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
- Jason Neel, Educational Services Division Manager

Absent:

- None

I. Call to Order

- Dr. Wall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Proof of Publication was received.
- Quorum was met.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Wall 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

- Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve April 28, 2025, minutes with changes. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VI. Chair's Report

- Dr. Wall thanked Ms. NeSmith for serving as the Chair and noted she left "big shoes to fill".

VII. Branch Manager's Report

- Jarred Favrot, Branch Manager of Westside Library, shared he graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in engineering and has served in the United States Air Force. He transitioned out of the military and into the public sector and worked with conservation before coming to the library as the STEM Branch Manager. He has six instructors that work at the Westside Library and throughout the library system. The biggest challenges he faces are setting up the makers space while continuing to provide services, increasing programming and advertising.

VIII. Library Director's Report

- The library is still facing issues with the software migration.
- IT and Facilities still has projects to finish at Brownsville.
- Summer Reading and Feeding the Gulf Coast will launch on May 27, 2025.
- We received two applications for the Youth Librarian position.
- Myrtle Grove has been designated as a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Director Humble invited the Bog members to attend because there will be a library built in the area.
- Ms. NeSmith asked if Westside is the official stem branch library. Director Humble shared the name would be changing to Legion Field Library at the Theophalis May Resource Center. We will discontinue using the name "Westside Library" when the change is complete. The "MakerSpot" will be used to market our steam locations in the various libraries.

IX. New Business

- Discussion regarding the Internet Use Policy. The prices for paper and vinyl printing were changed. Ms. NeSmith made a motion to approve the Internet Use Policy with changes. Dr. Hopson seconded the motion, and the new Internet Use Policy was approved.

X. Old Business

- None

XI. Open Board Discussion

- Mr. Bullock talked about a program his son volunteers with at a “fix it” clinic and asked if it was possible to implement as a Steam program. Director Humble stated the County would not allow a program like that because of the liability, but Steam does offer on-site soldering classes.
- Director Humble stated the two Impala cars issued to the library are being re-wrapped and the doors are being modified. The plan is to take the car to “Cars and Coffee Events” and other outreach events for great awareness and visibility.

XII. Next Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Library, 239 N. Spring St., Pensacola, FL., 32502.

XIII. Adjournment – Mr. Bullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hopson seconded the motion. Dr. Wall adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.