

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control
Livingston, Louisiana
September 15, 2026**

The Livingston Parish Library Board of Control met in a Regular Meeting at the Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St, Livingston, LA 70754, on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm CST.

The following Board Members were present: Becky Morgan, Kristan Whann, Jennifer Dorhauer, Jonathan Davis, Sheila Goins, Patricia Wilson, Dewanna Christian, Trey Cowell

Absent: Rodlyn Hammond, Randy Delatte (Ex Officio)

Also present: Scott Perrilloux (Legal Counsel), Scott Kleinpeter (Director), Dustin Cotton (Assistant Director), Julia Falcon (Assistant Director), Shelley Taylor (HR Manager)

The president called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm.

Board Member Sheila Goins gave an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

The president addressed item 5, "Approval of Minutes." A motion was made by Mr. Dorhauer, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting as written. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond

ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

The president addressed item 7, "Report of Administrative Librarian." Mr. Kleinpeter discussed budget vs. actual (indicating the library is functioning within its yearly budget) and indicated that he estimated the library had received approximately 92% of its annual revenue by the time of the meeting. He presented potential drafts of the 2027 budget, including increases for salary scale adjustments, electronic resources, waste disposal, security, and Readers Club. He also presented potential draft amendments to the 2026 budget for further discussion at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kleinpeter presented statistics showing that the 2026 Summer Reader Program had the highest participation, and that the 2026 year-long Readers Club participation reached its highest level ever. Additionally, library visits, physical material use, meeting room use, computer use, and event attendance are on course to surpass 2025 numbers.

Mr. Kleinpeter informed the Board that the contracted vendor for the Watson Branch chiller project, Star Service Inc., has revised its estimated arrival of parts and equipment to early December, which is delaying the project. Contractually, they have until December 31 to complete the replacement project, which may need to be addressed if the timeline expands. Additionally, there are ongoing issues with the chiller for the south section of the Denham Springs-Walker Branch location, which will now need to be replaced next year. CMC will attempt to recover parts from the replaced Watson chiller to keep the one at Denham working until a replacement can be purchased. A tree fell at the Albany-Springfield Branch, damaging the fence and requiring removal and stump grinding.

The president addressed item 8, "Director Hiring Committee Report." Mr. Cowell indicated that the Director Hiring Committee met in person once and reviewed approximately six qualified applicants. After reviewing the candidates, the committee decided not to pursue other candidates, sparing them the

expense of travel and time for interviews, and determined that the best course of action for the system was to recommend Mr. Kleinpeter as the permanent director, given his positive performance thus far.

The president addressed item 9a, "Executive Session: Pursuant to LA RS 42:17(A)(1) to discuss the character and professional competence of Scott Kleinpeter." Mr. Davis asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Morgan, to enter executive session. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond

ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted. The board entered executive session at 6:33 pm.

The president moved to return the board from executive session at 6:55 pm with no opposition.

The president addressed item 9b, "Discussion & Decision: Appointment/hiring of a new permanent Library Director." The president asked whether anyone on the board had a recommendation for the new permanent Library Director. A motion was made by Ms. Goins, seconded by Ms. Whann, to hire Scott Kleinpeter as the permanent Library Director effective immediately, starting at salary scale slot 6: \$93,681.63. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond

ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

The president addressed item 9c, "Discussion & Decision: Proposed amendment to Policy Code 1-102 – History of the Library, to reduce document space and redirect to up-to-date information on the library website." Mr. Cotton discussed and presented the item. A motion was made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Morgan, to approve the amendments as written. The president opened public comment on the item. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond

ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

The president addressed item 9d, "Discussion & Decision: Proposed amendment to Policy Code 5-516 – Performance Evaluations, to specify probationary periods, quantify annual evaluations, disclaim about merit increases, clarify board evaluation of the Director, and explain evaluation criteria." Mr. Cotton presented and discussed the item. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Goins, to approve the amendments as written. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Wilson

NAYS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Whann, Mr. Davis
ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion failed.

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The president addressed item 9e, "Discussion & Decision: Proposed amendment to Policy Code 5-546b – Leave Donation Program, to clarify directorial approval, remove percentage stipulations, and give clear timelines on usage." Mr. Cotton discussed and presented the item. A motion was made by Ms. Christian, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to approve the amendments as written. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

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The president addressed item 9f, "Discussion & Decision: Surplus Items for Disposal." Mr. Cotton discussed and presented the item, indicating that this also included the disposal of the 2014 Dodge Caravan currently used by Outreach at the government auction. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Christian, to dispose of the surplus items as recommended. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

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The president addressed item 9g, "Discussion & Decision: Authorization for the Director to purchase a new vehicle on state contract to replace the current Outreach van." Mr. Kleinpeter discussed and presented the item, indicating that the administration intends to replace the van with the same model Ford Explorer purchased earlier this year. A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Goins, to authorize the director to purchase a new vehicle from the Capital Outlay budget. The president opened public comment on the item.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Christian, Mr. Cowell, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Delatte, Ms. Hammond
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

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With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Christian, and with no opposition, the president adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

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The next Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at the Main Branch Library at 6:00 pm.

The audio and video of this and other meetings can be found at:
www.youtube.com/@mylplibrary/streams

Scott Kleinpeter, Director /s/
Jonathan Davis, Board President /s/