Minutes of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control
Livingston, Louisiana
July 21, 2026

The Livingston Parish Library Board of Control held a Public Hearing & met in a Regular Meeting at the Main Branch Library, 20390 Iowa St, Livingston, LA 70754, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm CST.

The following Board Members were present: Becky Morgan, Kristan Whann, Rodlyn Hammond, Jennifer Dorhauer, Jonathan Davis, Sheila Goins, Patricia Wilson, Dewanna Christian, Trey Cowell, Randy Delatte (Ex Officio)

Absent: None

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

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

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The president addressed the public hearing: “Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the meeting room at the Main Branch located at 20390 Iowa St., Livingston, LA 70754, to consider setting and adopting the millage rate, not to exceed 10.00 mills, for the tax year 2026.” The president opened public comment on the item.

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The president closed the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

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Roll was called again at the start of the public meeting.

The following Board Members were present: Becky Morgan, Kristan Whann, Rodlyn Hammond, Jennifer Dorhauer, Jonathan Davis, Sheila Goins, Patricia Wilson, Dewanna Christian, Trey Cowell, Randy Delatte (Ex Officio)

Absent: None

Also present: Scott Perrilloux (Legal Counsel), Scott Kleinpeter (Interim Director), Dustin Cotton (Assistant Director), Julia Falcon (Assistant Director), Shelley Taylor (HR Manager), Margaret Pritchard (Baxley & Associates CPA), Theo Sanders (LAMP CEO)

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The president called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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The president, Mr. Davis, gave an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

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The president addressed item 5, “Approval of Minutes.” A motion was made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Christian, to approve the minutes for the May 19, 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

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The president addressed item 6, “Public Comments on Agenda Items.” The president opened public comment on any agenda items and reminded those present that public comment or input shall be allowed at any time prior to a vote on any agenda item.
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The president addressed item 7, “Report of Administrative Librarian.” Mr. Kleinpeter discussed year-to-date statistics, budget vs. actual (indicating the library is functioning within its yearly budget), and maintenance project updates, including the completion of the Albany-Springfield chiller yard project, the purchase of a Ford Explorer, and the completion of the bid for the Watson chiller replacement project.
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The president addressed item 8a, “2025 Legislative Audit for the Livingston Parish Library.” Ms. Pritchard, presented the 2025 independent audit for the Livingston Parish Library, indicating that “the financial statements… present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Livingston Parish Library Commission, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.” Ms. Pritchard further explained that the library had a healthy and clean 2025 audit, and explained exceptions to agreed-upon procedures to address prior to the 2026 audit.
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The president addressed item 8b, “Introduction to LAMP (Louisiana Asset Management Pool).” Mr. Sanders presented information on the history and operations of LAMP, including money transfer times and how interest rates work, and provided examples of other public entities using the system.
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The president addressed item 9, “Report of Special Committees.” Ms. Wilson discussed the topics covered in the June 11, 2026, Finance Committee meeting, including future capital outlay projects, the salary scale project, and the need to address eAudio demands.
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The president addressed item 10a, “Discussion & Decision: To open accounts with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP).” Ms. Wilson asked the board to consider opening one or more accounts with LAMP to generate interest. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Delatte, to open a Capital Outlay account with LAMP with the amount entered at the discretion of the Director. 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.
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The president addressed item 11a, “Discussion & Decision: Approval of final settlement of wages and any other potential claims regarding former Director Michelle Parrish.” Mr. Perrilloux presented the item and discussed it, indicating that the settlement would include $7,983.76 for wages and an additional $9,000.00 for other claims. A motion was made by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Ms. Hammond, to approve paying a final settlement to Ms. Parrish of $16,983.76 from the Legal budget line as negotiated by the District Attorney. 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.

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The president addressed item 11b, “Discussion & Decision: Approval of closing the remaining CDs upon their maturation dates in 2028 and moving the funds to Capital Outlay.” Ms. Wilson presented the item and discussed it. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Morgan, to approve closing the remaining CDs upon their maturation dates in 2028 and moving those funds into Capital Outlay. 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.
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The president addressed item 11c, “ Discussion: Salary Scale Project Updates, including solutions for current pay scales.” Ms. Wilson introduced the item, and Ms. Taylor presented it. Ms. Taylor indicated that the frontline, non-professional-level staff positions at the Livingston Parish Library are significantly below the regional median pay and should be adjusted to improve recruitment and retention. Additionally, specific department head positions, including those in Human Resources and Public Information, need to be adjusted. The proposed solution is to adjust existing pay scales to the regional median over four years, with 40% of the adjustment in the first year. The president opened public comment on the item.
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The president addressed item 11d, “Current Long-Term Projected Capital Outlay Projects to 2035, including long-term upkeep costs.” Mr. Kleinpeter presented the item and discussed it. Mr. Kleinpeter indicated that the system has two plans for Capital Outlay Projects: one that includes the construction of satellite branches and one that does not. To continue a Pay-As-You-Go structure and move forward with either plan, the library needs to make contributions to its Capital Outlay budget each fiscal year. At the current 7.53 millage rate, it will not be able to make the necessary contributions to maintain it beyond the early 2030s. Mr. Kleinpeter relayed potential solutions to the board. The president opened public comment on the item.
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The president addressed item 11e, “Discussion & Decision: Proposed amendments for the 2026 Capital Outlay Budget, to include costs for completed and ongoing projects.” Mr. Kleinpeter presented the item and discussed it. A motion was made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Dorhauer, to amend the 2026 Capital Outlay Budget to $298,000 with $170,000 allocated to improvements, $90,000 to vehicles, $20,000 to emergency, and $18,000 to technology. 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.
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The president addressed item 11g, “Discussion & Decision: Review of submitted proposals and vendor selection for the Watson Branch chiller replacement project.” Mr. Cotton presented the item, discussed it, and stated that the administration's recommendation is to proceed with the lowest McLin/Taylor vetted bid. A motion was made by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Mr. Cowell, to approve the bid of and award the contract to Star Service Inc of Baton Rouge, with a bid amount of $129,258.00. 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, Mr. Delatte, Ms. Dorhauer, Ms. Goins, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Whann, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.
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The president addressed item 11f, “Discussion & Decision: Resolution 1-07212026 to adopt the millage rate for the taxing year 2026.” Mr. Kleinpeter presented the item and discussed it, outlining multiple funding scenarios, including those that would allow for a salary scale adjustment, an increase in eAudio budgets, and adequate contributions to Capital Outlay to maintain its Pay-As-You-Go structure. The board discussed the topic in depth. A motion was made by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Ms. Goins, to set the 2026 millage rate at 8.20 mills. The president opened public comment on the item.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Christian, to create a resolution to ask the Livingston Parish Council to address this agenda item and set the millage rate. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn without opposition.

A substitute motion was made by Ms. Whann, seconded by Ms. Hammond, to set the 2026 millage rate at 8.00 mills. Mr. Cotton read aloud Resolution 1-07212026 to set the Livingston Parish Library Millage for Acquisition & Maintenance (1050 088) at 8.00 mills. The president opened public comment on the item. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Thereupon, the motion failed.

The original motion made by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Ms. Goins, to set the 2026 millage rate at 8.20 mills was addressed. Mr. Cotton read aloud Resolution 1-07212026 to set the Livingston Parish Library Millage for Acquisition & Maintenance (1050 088) at 8.20 mills.
Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Thereupon, the motion was carried and adopted.
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With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Dorhauer, and with no opposition, the president adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.
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The next Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 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, Interim Director /s/
Jonathan Davis, Board President /s/