

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library for
September 10, 2025

Members present: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Trish Winchell, Cindy Zirwes.

Members absent: none

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Cindy Deichmann

The meeting was held in hybrid format. Some board members and staff participated via Zoom, and the meeting was recorded; it is available for viewing on the Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm by Mark Barnes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Aren Ginsberg made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on June 18, 2025 be approved, seconded by Kim Deitzler. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:15 pm.

Correspondence – A patron complained about a display of young adult books in the children's area; youth services moved the books and will keep displays compartmentalized in future. A patron verbally complained that she became ill after drinking water on September 9; Missouri American Water tests our water multiple times per week, and they assure us that there are no contaminants in the Library's water.

Council Liaison Report – A project manager has been hired for the FEMA buyout of Hafner Court apartments and 12 houses on Wilson. The City signed a contract for kiosk parking meters. Loop occupancy is hard to track consistently, has ups and downs. Owners of new apartment complex on United Hebrew Cemetery land would be required to mitigate flooding to Metropolitan Sewer District's standards. Dispensation of former location of Pete's Shur Save is still under discussion.

President's Report – Mark Barnes thanked Cindy Zirwes for running the June 18 meeting and reminded the Board about the Gerald Early program on October 7.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Met on September 10. Approved rolling over the T-bill at Commerce Bank. Recommended paying the BOKF bill and accepting the final budget amendments for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The D&O insurance has been renewed.

Building & Grounds – Met on September 10 with architect Sue Pruchnicki present. Recommended waiting to arrange repair of leaking windows and basement, as the Library is attempting to get the original contractors to make repairs. Discussed adding doors to the first-floor public restrooms; architect will return with proposals.

Long-Range Planning – Will hold next meeting when all survey responses are ready to review.

Personnel & Policy – Next meeting will be on September 23.

Librarian's Report – Helen Nelling made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:51 pm.

Action Items.

Approval of 2024-2025 final budget amendments. Helen Nelling made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 final budget amendments as presented, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:53 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Trish Winchell, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Interest payment to BOKF. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the interest payment of \$83,861.43 to BOKF, seconded by Helen Nelling. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:54 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Trish Winchell, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Old business – The adult summer reading program for *The Odyssey* this year was delightful, especially the scholar who led the discussions.

New business – The clock for Joan Greco-Cohen in thanks for her service to the Board has arrived. Going forward, the regular schedule for Board meetings in September will consist of a regular meeting on the second Wednesday and a special meeting for the annual tax resolution on the fourth Wednesday.

Public comment – None.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.