

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library for

February 11, 2026

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

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

Library Staff: Patrick Wall - Director, Kerry Bruce, Tracey Howe-Koch

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 5:15pm by Mark Barnes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Helen Nelling made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. It was seconded by Kim Deitzler. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:16pm.

Correspondence – Notice was received that the IMLS is fully funded through fiscal year 2026 as well as MO state matching funds. Three RFQ's were received.

Council Liaison – The City Manager search is underway. MGT Consultants were hired to facilitate the process. A community listening session was held and further outreach will be made to community partners. The goal is to have a new City Manager on board in July 2026. MGT is also assisting in the search for a new Director of Finance and Director of Parks & Recreation. It is expected that several construction projects will be completed soon. University City is also beginning the budget process for the next fiscal year.

President Report – The Adult Spelling Bee is tonight with the grand prize of a large jar of honey.

Committee Report

Long Range Planning – They did not meet.

Personnel and Policy – Interviews will be held to fill the Shelver position. Three action items will be discussed later in the meeting.

Building and Grounds - The feet are on the endcaps. Still waiting for the endcaps to be reinstalled. The new cleaning service is doing well. Three RFQ bids were received for the bathroom doors. We will ask each to bid on the cost.

Budget and Finance – Financials are in good shape year-to-date compared with the budget. The Committee voted to re-invest fund from the recently matured T-Bill as well as to increase the Police Officer pay to \$55/hour, reflecting the City's rate increase.

Librarian's Report

Patrick Wall shared that the MLA Advocacy Day in Jefferson City went well. They met with Rep.'s Williams and Hale. Sec. of State Hoskins attended via video and stated that he supported full-funding of the budgets as well as Governor Keyhoe. Vivian Gibson will be speaking on Feb. 22 and all are invited to attend. She is known to be a very engaging speaker. Soon UCPL Libby users will be able to borrow from the Scenic Regional Library catalogue (as long as there are no holds on the book).

Helen Nelling made a motion to accept the consent agenda and it was seconded by and Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:37pm.

Action Items

Architect RFQ – Item was tabled as no vote is needed until an RFP is received.

Police Pay – Helen Nelling motioned to increase police pay to \$55/hour as recommend by the Personnel & Policy and Budget & Finance Committees. It was seconded by Jerrold Lander. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:42pm.

Board By-Laws – Kim Deitzler motioned to approve the Personnel and Policy Committee's recommendation to clarify the committee voting policy. The Board President will now be able to vote and be counted towards quorum in all committee meetings. Any Board Member may attend a committee meeting, but only committee members can vote on committee matters. It was seconded by Cindy Zirwes and passed by roll call vote at 5:45pm.

Personnel Manual – Kim Deitzler motioned to approve the Personnel and Policy Committee's recommendation to extend CE benefits to part-time employees and to increase the amount for full-time employees. It was seconded by Helen Nelling and approved by a roll call vote at 5:48pm.

Old Business – none

New Business – Kim Deitzler thanked UCPL for continuing to send readers to the local elementary schools.

Public Comments – none

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.