

**Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library for
September 29, 2026**

Members present: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Dennis Hoppe, Barbara Santoro, Trish Winchell, and Cindy Zirwes

Members absent: Helen Nelling, Jerrold Lander

City Council Liaison: Christina Dancy

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 Public Hearing was called to order at 5:15pm by Mark Barnes, President, followed by roll call.

There being no public comments on the tax rate or citizens attending, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:17pm.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 5:17pm by Mark Barnes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Aren Ginsberg motioned to approve the minutes from the Sept. 9, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. It was seconded by Kim Deitzler. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:18pm.

Correspondence – The Library received a few nice notes praising the helpful service of several librarians. A bequest was made in the memory of Jessica Friedlander. A thank you note has been sent.

Council Liaison – Christina Dancy spoke with City Manager Sharpe regarding the possibility of the City installing electric vehicle charging stations. The City is not planning on doing so, but will be on the look out for future grant possibilities to fund the possible project. The City is also considering outsourcing refuse pickup. There will be an RFP soon. Urban Sprouts Café will be opening in early October. There is conversation with MoDot about the possibility of putting in a crosswalk at Olive near Heman Park.

President Report – University City is in the news regarding the viral YouTube series The Amazing Digital Circus which was created by artists in UCity. The end credit scene was filmed at Heman park.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning – None.

Personnel and Policy – None.

Building and Grounds – None.

Budget and Finance – None.

Librarian's Report – There are several new part-time staff members that are replacing staff that have left for school or new opportunities. Bingman Construction started work on Monday installing the new first floor bathroom doors and acoustic tile. Reinhold Electric will be installing an electrical outlet on the second floor near a patron table for laptop charging. Orkin has completed an additional spraying for bugs.

Action Items

Adoption of Resolution 2026-02, regarding the setting of tax rates – Aren Ginsberg motioned for Adoption of Resolution 2026-02 setting the 2026 Property Tax Rate at \$0.323 (Residential), \$0.345 (Commercial), and \$0.400 (Personal) with a proposed revenue for 2026-2027 of \$3,228,177.00. It was seconded by Trish Winchell. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:37pm.

Approval of payment to BOKF – Aren Ginsberg motioned to approve payment to BOK Financial for the debt service bill of \$79,536.09. It was seconded by Barbara Santoro. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:38pm.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 5:15pm.