

**GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

August 28, 2023

**Present:** Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Mr. Kenneth Baxter, Dr. Gene Becker, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mr. James Hoard, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mrs. Marcia Moston, Mrs. Kristen Odom, Mr. Joe Poore, and Mr. S. Allan Hill, presiding.

**Absent:** Mr. Bill Pinkston

**Administrative Managers Present:** Don Allen, Accounting Manager; Karen Allen, Youth Services Manager; Greg Hester, Operations Manager; Brian Morrison, Access and Discovery Director; Beverly James, Executive Director; and Jill Cornwell, Administrative Projects Manager, and acting as Recording Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:03p.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hill called for the approval of the minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, June 26, 2023, as presented. Mr. Baxter moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hoard seconded. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Poore provided an overview of the Blue Ridge Branch Library Project Budget. He informed trustees that a small increase in the footprint of the branch necessitated an increase in the budget, noting that the proposed increase was almost exclusively the cost of materials and labor. He moved to increase the project budget by 2.2 million dollars. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Automatic Renewal of Library Materials

Ms. James stated that the migration to a new automation system provided an opportunity for the Library System to provide a new service – the automatic renewal of library materials. If approved, a borrowed item would be renewed automatically as long as there were no requests for the item and the maximum number of two renewals has not been reached. She stated that patrons would have the ability to opt in or opt out of the automatic renewal service. Ms. James and Mr. Morrison responded to questions.

Ms. James requested approval to implement automatic renewal with the new system. Mrs. Collins moved to approve the institution of automatic renewals as described. Mr. Hoard seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. James referenced the "Get a Library Card" rack cards at trustees' places, noting that they would be distributed to Greenville County Schools for K5 students in September in support of Library Card Sign-Up Month. She provided trustees with a variety of promotional stickers and button pins used as giveaways when the Library System was represented at community events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**APPEARANCES**

Mr. Hill announced that several individuals had signed up to appear before the Board. He recognized them as follows:

Name	Purpose of Appearance
Patricia Bynum	"advocacy for library"
Gregory Somers	"Support of community"
Susan N. Ward	"advocacy"

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hill asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoard so moved. Mrs. Collins seconded. Mr. Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:31p.

S. Allan Hill  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James  
Executive Director

Jill Cornwell  
Recording Secretary