

Newton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2025, 4:00 PM

Library Meeting Room

Members Present: Bierman, Braafhart, Baker, Soule, Hutchinson, Director Terry, City Council Liaison Joel Mills

Call to Order: 4:06 PM

Agenda Approval: Soule moved, Hutchinson second. Motion Passed.

Minutes Approval: Braafhart moved, Soule second. Motion Passed.

Public comments or concerns: No comments.

Approval of the Bills: Bierman moved, Hutchinson second. Motion Passed.

Reports

Financial Report: Nothing to report. On track.

Director's Report: Group Savings amounts will be posted on social media and sent to relevant groups. \$1,400 will be taken out of donations or building fund to cover the cost of straightening the southeast corner sign once weather allows.

City Report: Nothing to report. Joel Mills will be rotating out to another board after this meeting and Stacy Simbro will be City Council Liaison beginning in January.

Long Range Plan: Renaming to Business Calendar to create a more obvious separation from the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan: Priority 1, 2, and 5 objectives are available for review by the Board. These have been approved by full time Library staff and Director. No comments from the Board. Ashton and Rachel have meetings scheduled to finalize objectives for priorities 3 and 4.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Agenda items for next meeting: Strategic plan will be completed and ready for approval.

Library Card Design

Accreditation

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 22nd at 4pm in Library Meeting Room

Meeting Adjournment: Soule motion, Hutchinson second. Meeting adjourned 4:31 PM
Respectfully submitted by Rachel Braafhart, Board Secretary.