



**ROLL CALL FOR
THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Date 02.25.26**

Meeting called to order: 4:46PM

Meeting adjourned: 5:25PM

(Mark Y for yea and N for nay) First Motion Second Motion

Vote Results

Attendance	Minutes	Adjourn
<u>√</u> Banks, Robert	_____	_____
<u>√</u> Cox, Helen	√	√
<u>√</u> Harris, Kathryn	_____	_____
<u>√</u> Jordan, Andre	_____	_____
<u>√</u> Mucciante, Mary	√	√
<u>√</u> Terry, Chris	_____	_____
<u>√</u> Whitlow, Becky	_____	_____
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Staff in Attendance: Gwen Harrison, Director; Emily Stone, Assistant Director; Amanda Standerfer, Fast Forward Libraries Consultant

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February 25, 2026

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The Board approved the minutes for January 2026.

Financial Report: Director Harrison presented the January 2026 Financial Reports with no anomalies. She noted that the library's budget request for FY2027 should be approved by City Council with no issues. FY26 spending is on track.

Director's Report:

GENERAL UPDATES

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- Board members were reminded that all trustees must complete the State of Illinois FOIA and OMA trainings and send their certificates to Denise Fisher.
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PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

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- Staff are continuing to plan America250 events.

President's Report: President Jordan thanked the Board for continuing to keep things running even with several vacant Trustee positions.

Alliance Report: Chris Terry has stepped down from the Alliance due to scheduling conflicts, and the Board will need to find another Alliance liaison.

New Business: Amanda Standerfer presented the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan and discussed how the plan will be implemented with staff. There was some feedback about how the plan wording could be tweaked to acknowledge the library's digital presence and a typo correction. Fast Forward Libraries will make the changes suggested and present a final version of the plan for Board approval at the March 2026 meeting.

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