

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Dated June 18, 2026 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O'Donnell (Trustee), Edie Vaughan (Trustee), Amanda Pena (Director), Angela Ritchey (Trustee).

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:32 pm.
- 2) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** "This meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act." Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 3) **Agenda Approval.** Angela Ritchey made a motion to approve the May agenda, seconded by Sharon Medina. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey.
- 4) **Approve minutes.** A Motion to approve the May minutes was made by Angel Ritchey, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey.
- 5) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from May, 2026. There were no unusual expenses.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed and discussed the statistical report from May, 2026. Generally speaking, most categories increased. Overall, most numbers declined from the previous year. There are mixed numbers up and down from the previous year. Programs and Program Attendance is up.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability.*
 - a. For Spring Break, we held multiple events for children and families.
 - i. On May 31, we held our annual Summer Reading kick-off party. We had a face painter, airbrush tattoo artist, cake and a bounce house obstacle course. We had over 367 people attend.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs.*
 - a. For May's Brunch and Learn, a presentation from Foster Heart + Hope to share about their mission to children and families in need with food provided by Lemon Tree Cafe.
 - b. For Lunch and Learn, we had Jenni Herchenbach who is a Death Doula to discuss the services she provides as a death doula with food provided by Lemon Tree Café.
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*

- a. The library partnered with Level up Tattoo to hold a summer reading fundraiser on May 29 and 30. The shop was able to donate \$1,000 to our summer reading program to purchase books for giveaways.
- b. On May 21st, we partnered with the Creative Hinge District to have a community paint day for their Community Mosaic Project.

8) Technology:

None

9) Staff Development:

Isabella Saklar resigned due to receiving a full-time position. We will hire for a new Bilingual Library Assistant to start in June. We will have 2 interns this fall.

10) Building Maintenance Report:

Due to the construction at City Hall, the library's parking lot has had multiple road closures but the parking lot is still accessible. The New Window replacement project started replacing new windows on the upper level now, with the lower window replacement to start in the fall.

11) Foundation Reports:

The Foundation did not meet. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

12) Unfinished Business:

Patron Survey. We have had 175 people participate so far.

13) New Business:

Community Needs Response Plan and Technology Plan as indicated from the Survey and City Assessment. Suggestions were for Senior Services – Adult Programming, and possible services for the Home-Bound citizens. In July, STEM programs every Monday and Tuesday, twice a month, for ages 6-11. 4-H classes, at \$45.00 per class. There were 650 sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program.

14) Public Comments.

None.

15) Announcements.

The next board meeting will be on July 16.

16) Adjournment. Sharon Medina moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. All in favor: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey. Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm.