

**Camden County Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 18, 2025**

Roll Call

Board members present: Dr. Mari Pat Brooks, Adam Guttman, Jaylon Menard, Nancy Pope, and Rebecca Sofolo. Staff present: Jim Pasley, Director; Coli Creach, Assistant Director; and Vicki Granneman, Assistant Director, acted as recorder.

Brooks called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Agenda

Pope moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Menard and approved by the board.

Vicki Granneman explained her duties as Assistant Director for Business Management.

Director's Comments

Pasley informed the board that three HVAC units have been replaced in the last month, and one unit is on order. The library purchased a 2015 GMC pickup.

Pasley met with the Camden County Museum to plan for the History Festival to be held in the late Spring of 2026. Pasley also met with the Lake Ozark Noon Rotary to promote the library.

Pasley presented the board and visitors with information on 15CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors.

Minutes

Guttman moved to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Pope and approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Menard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Bills Payable

Menard moved to approve the monthly bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Branch Reports

SRC 2025 figures are being compiled and will be submitted to the board when completed.

We have scheduled two trivia night fundraisers for next year, on March 28th and October 24th.

The next Branch Manager's meeting is scheduled for September 10th.

Unfinished Business

The survey results indicated that the community is unaware of the services offered by the library.

Board members would like to see a three-year strategic plan that includes technology, infrastructure, outreach, grant writing, fleet updates, and salary review.

Brooks called for a closed session meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Sofolo moved to keep the previously challenged books, *Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race*, *They/Them Pronouns: A Quick and Easy Guide*, *Rainbow Boy*, and *ABC of Equality* on the adult shelves. *Girls Resist!* and *Something Happened in Our Town* will be reconsidered at the September meeting. Motion seconded by Menard and approved by the board.

Menard moved to keep *All-American Boys* shelved in YA Fiction. Motion seconded by Sofolo and approved by the board.

Guttman moved to keep *Woke: A Young Poets Call to Justice* shelved in Juvenile Nonfiction. Motion seconded by Sofolo and approved by the board. Menard abstained.

Pope moved to keep *Ghost Boys* shelved in Juvenile Fiction. Motion seconded by Menard and approved by the board.

New Business

Pope moved to approve the 2026 budget and set the 2026 tax rate at 9.63 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Motion seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Pope moved to keep Brooks as President, Menard as Vice President, and Sofolo as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Public Comments

Laura Scott thanked the board and suggested that books to be reconsidered be available at the board meetings.

Tammy Flores questioned why the shelving location of challenged books matters if they are marked.

Menard moved to reschedule the closed session for Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Motion seconded by Sofolo and approved by the board.

Guttman moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Pope and approved by the board.