

FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA INC.

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 9, 2025

In person and Zoom

Present:

Board of Directors

David Benjamin
Claire Dygert
Susan Swiatosz
Tammy Parrott

Division Staff

Amy Johnson
Robin Martin
Rebecca Thomas

Visitors

Rhia Rae
Anonymous

Absent:

Gloria Colvin
Ramona La Roche
Kathleen Malloy
Rena Rountree

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Claire Dygert at 9:32 a.m. Eastern on June 9, 2025. Roll was called and a quorum was noted.

Introduction of board members, staff and guests

Introductions were made. There were two visitors present at the meeting.

Adoption of June 9, 2025 meeting agenda

Treasurer David Benjamin moved to adopt the draft agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Approval of minutes from the April 7, 2025 meeting

President Claire Dygert moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Financial report

Treasurer David Benjamin presented the year-to-date budget and an update of the current account balance via the profit and loss worksheet. A year-to-year comparison of the seven prior years' actual revenue versus expenses was also discussed.

Division Director comments

Division Director Amy Johnson provided updates on the Division and Board operations. She advised that some Board member appointments were yet to be made.

The research stipend application window closed on March 31st, and of the seven applications received, two were chosen to be funded.

Unfinished business

The proposed Board meeting dates for fiscal year 2025-2026 were provided, with the majority deciding the start time for each would be 10:00 a.m. Eastern.

The nominee for new Board president, David Benjamin, was officially elected for that role. As a result, a new Board treasurer needed to be elected. Board member Susan Swiatosz was nominated, and after accepting the nomination she was elected for that role.

New business

Susan Swiatosz moved to approve the Board's annual report to the Legislature. The motion was seconded, and the report was unanimously approved.

The fiscal year 2025-2026 draft budget was reviewed. Claire Dygert moved to approve the budget, the motion was seconded, and the budget was unanimously approved.

The Bylaws review was discussed, and it was decided no action would be taken at this time.

Next meeting

The Board will meet on October 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern.

Public comment

A call was made for public comment and there was none.

Adjourn

President David Benjamin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. Eastern on June 9, 2025.