

MINUTES OF THE NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING, HEARING  
FOR THE 2025 BUDGET, AND SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

ZOOM: <https://kslib.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoceiqqjstG9ZKFFFNjU9INxpB0M2DxRL->

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/live/VXY1muoL10>

NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM  
4317 W 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing for the 2025 budget of the Northeast Kansas Library System began at 10:02 a.m. Robert Miller, President, called the hearing to order. He reminded attendees the process for making a public comment.

Mr. Michael McDonald presented the 2025 budget in relation to the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Mr. Robert Miller called for any guests wishing to provide public comment on NEKLS's intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

There were no speakers.

Robert Miller called on the System Board to consider Resolution 2024-4 to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. MOTION: Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, moved to pass Resolution 2024-4, a resolution stating the Governing Body's intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Virginia (Ginnie) Schirmer, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED by a vote of 51 yes and 0 no.

Robert Miller called for a motion and second to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. MOTION: Ginnie Schirmer, Executive Board, moved to closed the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Dennis Shelton, Linwood Community Library seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Mr. Robert Miller, President, called the Budget Hearing to order.

The public hearing for the 2025 budget of the Northeast Kansas Library System began at 10:18 a.m. Mr. Michael McDonald began the hearing by presenting the 2025 Budget.

Robert Miller called on guests to provide public comment on the proposed NEKLS budget.

There were no speakers.

Robert Miller called for a motion and second to close the Budget Hearing. MOTION: Ginnie Schirmer, Executive Board, moved to closed the Budget Hearing. Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The public hearing on the budget closed at 10:39 a.m. and the System Board meeting began.

The annual System Board meeting was held via Zoom, YouTube and in person at the Northeast Kansas Library System office at 4317 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas on September 10, 2024. President Robert Miller called the System Board meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

The President called for addition or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

President Robert Miller asked members of the Executive Board to introduce themselves.

The next three agenda items were Action Items. All County Appointee, Executive Board members and designated Library System Representatives, or their proxies, were polled electronically, for those attending online and by written ballot, for those attending in person, for approval of the August 10, 2023 Assembly minutes.

MOTION: Jennifer Lloyd, Executive Board, moved that the August 10, 2023 Budget Hearing and System Board Meeting minutes be accepted. Dr. Lori Franklin, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION PASSED by a vote of 47 yes and 0 no votes.

All County Appointees, Executive Board members and designated Library System Representatives, or their proxies, were polled electronically, for those attending online and by written ballot, for those attending in person, for approval of the 2025 Budget.

MOTION: Brad Allen, Lawrence Public Library, moved that the 2025 Budget be approved as proposed. Cindy Davis, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED by a vote of 50 yes and 0 no votes.

All County Appointees, Executive Board members and designated Library System Representatives, or their proxies, were polled electronically, for those attending online and by written ballot, for those attending in person, to complete a vote for the Executive Board representatives. The ballot contained the following nominations:

Atchison County	Gordon Myers
Johnson County	Sara Eccles
Shawnee County	Brenda Hough
At Large	Rachael Hissong
At Large – Academic	Amber Ovsak
At Large - School	Dr. Lori Franklin

Nominations were approved with 51 ballots being cast for nominees. 51 of 51 vote yes for Gordon Myers for Atchison County; 51 of 51 vote yes for Sara Eccles for Johnson County; 51 of 51 vote yes for Brenda Hough for Shawnee County; 51 of 51 vote yes for Rachael Hissong for At Large; 51 of 51 vote yes for Amber Ovsak for At Large – Academic; 51 of 51 vote yes for Dr. Lori Franklin for At Large – School, were the elected Executive Board members.

Retiring Executive Board members were recognized and thanked.

Atchison County	Sr. Kathleen Flanagan, OSB
Academic At-Large	Lars Leon
Shawnee County	Carolyn Little
Johnson County	Robert Miller

President Robert Miller called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

The annual System Board meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

---

*Ashley Creek, Secretary*

#### ATTENDANCE

Ballot were given to the following 51 System representatives:

1. Brian Cleveland	Atchison Public Library
2. Robbie Strahm	Baldwin City Library
3. Michelle Larson	Barnes Reading Room
4. Janice Garcia	Basehor Community Library
5. Joyce Immenschuh	Beck-Bookman Library
6. Steven Gromatzky	Benedictine College

7. Heather Garrison	Carbondale City Library
8. Jennifer Sosna	De Soto Unified School District, USD 232
9. Carol Doms	Donnelly College
10. Jeri Clark	Delaware Township Library
11. Nancy Trevino	Effingham Community Library
12. Alisha Whitis	Eudora Public Library
13. Jessica Buhrman	Horton Public Library
14. Amanda Williams	Kansas City Kansas Community College
15. Terri Wojtalewicz	Lansing Community Library
16. Brad Allen	Lawrence Public Library
17. Matt Nojonen	Leavenworth Public Library
18. Dennis Shelton	Linwood Community Library
19. Genea Reynolds	Lyndon Carnegie Library
20. Kim Priest	Mary Cotton Public Library
21. Drew Sams	Meriden-Ozawkie Public Library
22. Erin Verbick	Morrill Public Library
23. Sam Moon	Osawatomie Public Library
24. Sammy Herzberg	Oskaloosa Public Library
25. Terry Chartier	Ottawa Library
26. Summer Taylor	Overbrook Public Library
27. Morgan Menefee	Paola Free Library
28. Lisa Suhr	Prairie Hills, USD 113
29. Barbara Lane	Richmond Public Library
30. Barb Williamson	Royal Valley School District, USD 337
31. Liz Krumins	Seaman High School-USD 345
32. Michael Philbrick	Seneca Free Library
33. Mandy Shultz	Spring Hill School District, USD 230
34. Max Wirestone	Tonganoxie Public Library

35. Carol Smith	University of Kansas Libraries
36. Shae Crowley	Williamsburg Community Library
37. Douglas Mailen	Winchester Public Library
38. Kristina Rice	Wetmore Public Library
39. Kiersten Allen	Executive Board, Miami County
40. Ashley Creek	Executive Board, Leavenworth County
41. Cindy Davis	Executive Board, Doniphan County
42. Lori Franklin	Executive Board, At Large (Schools)
43. Jack Granath	Executive Board, Wyandotte County
44. Rachael Hissong	Executive Board, At Large
45. Anne Liebst	Executive Board, Douglas County
46. Lars Leon	Executive Board, At Large (Academic)
47. Carolyn Little	Executive Board, Shawnee County
48. Jennifer Lloyd	Executive Board, Jefferson County
49. Bob Miller	Executive Board, Johnson County
50. Virginia (Ginnie) Schirmer	Executive Board, Jackson County
51. JB Zwilling	Executive Board, Osage County