

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Special Meeting
Held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013**

Present: Scott Bennett, Bill Brown, Mary Ellen Farrell, Anh Ha Ho, Anna Merritt, Mark Netter, Beth Scheid, Chris Scherer, and Jane Williams

Also present: Many people from the public

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on June 19, 2013. The special meeting was called to order with opening remarks by the president, Mary Ellen Farrell, at 7:00 p.m.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment

The following people spoke during public comment:

Karen Winter-Nelson	Mary Manley
Tom Moone	Elaine Hershbarger
Laura Haber	Barbara Meyer
Al Kagan	JP Goguen
Austin McCann	Eric Jakobsson
Jacqueline Hannah	Ed Weiskamp
Kate McDowell	Jackie Terry
Lora Fegley	Carol Tilley
Elaine Bearden	Kathryn La Barre
Cathy Eastman	Don Thorsen
Case Sprenkle	Kirsten Ruby
Mary Ann Alexander	Ilona Matkovszki
Rachel Vellenga	Carolyn Casady Trimble
Danielle Chynoweth	Maggie Taylor
Laurence Smith	Stuart Levy
John Marlin	Sam Payne
Desiree Yomtoob	Anne Phillips
Jodi Murphy	Dennis Roberts
Shirley Stillinger	Mike Weissman
Elizabeth Nicol	

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:55 p.m., the Board went into closed session by roll call vote for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved back into open session at 11:25 p.m., issued the following statements that were released to the media the next morning, and immediately adjourned.

The following statements were issued by the Board:

1. “We are encouraged that people are involved and share our love and concern for Urbana Free Library. We’ve heard you, and the Board is in the process of addressing the issues you have raised over the last week. To protect the privacy of individuals, please respect our process and understand that we are taking steps. As we make progress, we will keep you informed.”
2. The Board directs that all weeding activities and shipping of materials off library premises cease immediately.
3. Urbana Free Library will reopen the strategic planning process, complete a draft strategic plan, and make that plan available to the community for a reasonable period of time for their review and comment.
4. The Board directs the Executive Director to explore the feasibility of televising future Board meetings. Results of this feasibility study will be reported at the next regular Board meeting in July [July9].

Becky Brown
Recording Secretary