

Washington Parish Library
Budget Hearing on 2027 Budget
Bogalusa Branch
Thursday, August 20, 2025, 5:30pm
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order by the Board President, Mr. Nathan Pierce at 5:37pm.
- II. Roll Call by the Director, Sonnet Ireland
Board Members Present: Mr. Nathan Pierce, Mrs. Abigail Kemp, Ms. Penny Moses, Ms. Emma Ross, and Mr. Perry Talley (*virtual*).
Board Members Absent: Ms. Kewanda August, Mr. Derek Dantin
Special notes: Zoom and its call-in feature were used for accessibility purposes.
- III. Invocation by Ms. Penny Moses.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Emma Ross.
- V. Presentation of the 2027 Budget
 - A. Overview of projected 2027 revenues - Mrs. Ireland explained the proposed 2027 Budget's revenue line by line.
 - B. Overview of projected 2027 operating expenditures - Mrs. Ireland explained the proposed 2027 Budget's expenditures line by line, particularly noting the corrections to lines 304 (Maintenance of Building) and 730 (Additions to Capital Assets).
 - C. Special Report on 2027 Capital Outlay Projects: Status update on the Angie project and review of estimated remaining capital allocations - Mrs. Ireland updated the Board on the Angie Branch. Mr. Kevin Steele has been awarded the contract, which has been approved by the Council and signed by the Parish President. Work is scheduled to begin the first week of September. The project should be completed by the end of the year, meaning that the money set aside for the Angie Branch will be spent before the new year.

In light of this, Mrs. Ireland has spoken with Mr. Tom Pistorius about evaluating the other branches for repairs and improvements, including renovating the bathrooms at both large branches. Mrs. Ireland is asking that \$200,000 from the Fund Balance be added to the Capital Assets line in order for her to start that process.

- D. Board Discussion - *none* (members asked for clarification as each line was explained)
- E. Public Comment - *none*
- VI. Next meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Bogalusa Branch
- VII. Adjournment
A motion was made by Ms. Ross to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Moses.
All present members agreed. **Motion passed.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.