

Linwood Community Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2026

Meeting description: Special meeting to discuss City of Linwood offer of space for lease

Meeting location: Linwood Community Library, 19649 Linwood Rd., Linwood, KS 66052

Board members present: Melissia Smitka, Kathy Reno, Aly Evans, Alex DeMoro, Sheldon Wheaton

Board members not present: Chris Mensch

Staff present: Dennis Shelton

Guests: none

Call to Order: 6:30pm - The meeting was called to order by Melissia Smitka

Purpose: The purpose of this special meeting was to reconsider the decision to terminate consideration of the offer from the City of Linwood to provide a leased space for the library to occupy in the Linwood City Building (old Linwood school building) located at 215 Park St. in Linwood, KS.

Discussion: Each board member and the director were given the opportunity to express their thoughts about the matter described in the “Purpose” section above. The director asked the board to refrain from sending the letter and consider asking the city more questions about the building.

Alex made a motion and Aly seconded to refrain from sending the letter to the City of Linwood (as motioned in the August 25 board meeting), and allow more time to obtain additional information from the City regarding details concerning the city's offer to provide a leased space in the Linwood City Building.

Adjournment: 8:25pm – Sheldon made a motion to adjourn, Aly seconded, and the motion carried.

Submitted by: Sheldon Wheaton

Board of Trustees members (exp. date)

Melissia Smitka, Chairperson (03/2029)
Aly Evans, Vice-Chair (03/2028)
Sheldon Wheaton, Treasurer (03/2027)
Kathy Reno (03/2030)
Chris Mensch, Secretary (03/2029)
Alex DeMoro (03/2030)
Open Position (03/2027)

Linwood Community Library Staff

Dennis Shelton, Director

Linwood Community Library Board Committees

Building & Equipment:	Sheldon Wheaton	Chris Mensch	Kathy Reno
Personnel & Policy:	Melissia Smitka	Kathy Reno	Chris Mensch
Finance:	Sheldon Wheaton	Aly Evans	

Officer and Committee appointments updated August 25, 2026

The signatures below affirm that these minutes have been approved by the board of trustees.

 9-22-26
Melissia Smitka, Chairperson Date

 9-22-2026
Chris Mensch, Secretary Date