Linwood Community Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – October 06, 2026

Meeting description: Special meeting
Meeting location: Linwood Community Library, 19649 Linwood Rd., Linwood, KS 66052
Board members present: Melissia Smitka, Kathy Reno, Aly Evans, Chris Mensch, Alex DeMoro, Sheldon Wheaton
Board members not present: none
Staff present: Dennis Shelton
Guests: Eric Lynch

Call to Order: 6:42pm - The meeting was called to order by Melissia Smitka

Purpose: The purpose of this special meeting was to conduct a second interview of director candidate Eric Lynch, to follow-up the initial interview by the Personnel Committee, and to discuss any potential offer for employment.

Discussion: Director candidate Eric Lynch was interviewed. The board discussed the interview, all board members had favorable impressions, and there were no objections to proceeding with an offer. There was a consensus to conduct background check and reference check, prior to presentation of an offer of employment. A motion was made by Chris to present an offer to Eric Lynch, for the amount of $57,500 annually, plus a health care premium reimbursement of up to $500/month. Melissia seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjournment: 7:00pm – Chris made a motion to adjourn, Aly seconded, and the motion carried.

Submitted by: Chris Mensch/SW

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

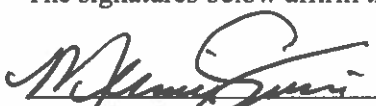
Dennis Shelton, Director

Linwood Community Library Board Committees

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

Officer and Committee appointments updated September 22, 2026

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



10-27-26

Melissia Smitka, Chairperson — Date



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Chris Mensch, Secretary — Date