

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 5:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Michael Smith was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting of June 22, 2026, the regular session meeting of June 23, 2026, the FY 2027 Budget Public Hearing of June 23, 2026, and the Special Called Meeting to Adopt the FY 2027 Budget of June 30, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the Constitution of the Lowndes County Library System was amended in March 2026 to conform with Georgia law. Regarding the Board of Trustees of the Library System, the Constitution, as amended, provides: The Board shall be composed of nine (9) residents of Lowndes County who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County as the only governmental agency supporting the System on a regular basis. Appointments shall be made in writing and the Board members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

The following applicants are interested in serving on the Board: William Booth, Dr. Elveta Miller, Dr. Kendal Crawford, Greg Moore, Dean Poling, Dr. Debra Carruth, Jane Peebles, Gary Wisenbaker, and Mary Beth Brownlee.