

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 27, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Michael Smith

Commissioner Joyce Evans was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting and the regular session meeting of July 14, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Mrs. Suzan Garnett has expired and Mrs. Garnett is interested in serving another term. Mrs. Dukes further stated Mrs. Garnett has been a driving force behind VLPRA and providing leadership for many years. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Mr. Timothy McCoppin (City of Valdosta appointment) has also expired. It is the County's turn to appoint a member to the rotating seat. Mr. Brent Moore, Mr. Herb Reinhard, Mr. Timothy McCoppin, and Mr. Broc McDowell are all interested in being appointed to the rotating seat.

Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated at the July 14, 2026, commission meeting, Mr. William Booth was appointed to serve a one-year term. However, Mr. Booth no longer lives in Lowndes County. Members of the Lowndes County Library Board are required to live in Lowndes County. Mrs. Dukes further stated there is a vacant seat for the one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Dr. Debra Carruth has expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board. Chairman Slaughter stated that on the application, in the section called Board or Agency Applying for, when it states South Georgia Regional Library, that is a typo, and it should state, Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees. Commissioner Smith asked if there are two different Library Boards. Chairman Slaughter stated there is a Regional Library Board and a Lowndes County Library Board. The members of the Regional Board are appointed from the Lowndes County Library Board. Mrs. Dukes stated Kimberly Cliett and Dave DiSalvo also submitted forms to be considered for the Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees.