

Union County Law Library Resources Board Minutes

November 19, 2025

Attending: Stephen Badenhop, Law Library Board Chairperson; Perry Parsons, Law Library Board Vice Chairperson; Melissa Chase, Law Library Board Trustee; Tina Owens-Ruff, Law Library Board Trustee; and Michael Rucker, Law Librarian and secretary for the meeting.

Chairperson Badenhop called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the meetings held June 4, 2025, and the meeting held June 11, 2025. A motion to approve both meetings was made by Melissa Chase and seconded by Tina Owens-Ruff followed by a unanimous vote to approve.

Next the Law Librarian reported that visitor statistics and requests for Notary Services have remained relatively stable. Also, it was reported that there are book purchases under consideration to be paid for with leftover funds from the current fiscal year.

Old business included furnishing a current volume of Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law for Julie Spain which had been delayed for an updated version.

Under new business the budget proposal for fiscal year 2026 was presented and after discussion a motion to adopt the proposal was made by Perry Parsons and seconded by Tina Owens-Ruff. and followed by a unanimous vote to approve.

The next item for discussion concerned the librarian salary reimbursement from the County Commissioner's Office. It was decided to go forward with the reimbursement request. Following that came discussion concerning the law librarian's salary. A proposal was made to offer an increase of 4% to be effective on December 8, 2025. A motion to approve was made by Perry Parsons and seconded by Melissa Chase. It was carried by a unanimous vote.

Next the Board was informed that the Probate Court had requested to be furnished with a current copy of Child Welfare Law and Practice 4th Edition. Discussion included comments from Board Trustee Melissa Chase that she considered the Redbook, as it is referred to, to be a valuable resource and uses it extensively. A motion to purchase two copies was made by Perry Parsons and seconded by Tina Owens-Ruff and passed with unanimous approval.

The next item on the agenda was the announcement that Law Library Board Trustee Rebecca Pokorski had resigned her appointment and that a search for a replacement for her term was underway.

The last item under new business was regarding LexisNexis adding another component to the Protégé AI format. referred to as Protégé General as opposed to Protégé Legal. Further inquiry into its usage and purpose was to be made with possible additional training if required.

The next Board meeting will be determined later and with all in agreement the meeting was adjourned.