

ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL
Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
November 11, 2025
5:00 P.M.
St. Mary Parish Library
1325 Belleview Drive
Bayou Vista, LA 70380

Don T. Caffery called the budget hearing to order at 5:11 P.M.

In attendance were Karla Vappie, Jason Watson, Adriane Kramer, Don T. Caffery and Ashton Myers. Mary Bailey arrived at 5:17 P.M. Absent were Carla Davis and Cherie Laiche. The guests in attendance were April Boudreaux, Business Manager and Kristin Holcombe, Kolder & Slaven.

The proposed 2025 budget was presented by Ashton Myers and April Boudreaux.

A motion was made by Jason Watson and seconded by Karla Vappie to close the budget hearing.

The budget hearing was adjourned at 5:29 P.M.

Don T. Caffery called the regular meeting to order at 5:29 P.M.

In attendance were Karla Vappie, Jason Watson, Adriane Kramer, Don T. Caffery, Mary Bailey and Ashton Myers. Absent were Carla Davis and Cherie Laiche. The guests in attendance were April Boudreaux, Business Manager and Kristin Holcombe, Kolder & Slaven.

A motion was made by Karla Vappie and seconded by Mary Bailey to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Karla Vappie and seconded by Jason Watson to approve the minutes. Motions carried.

There was no public comment.

Financial Reports:

Kristin Holcombe, Kolder & Slaven, presented the 2024 financial audit report.

The budget to actual as of October 31, 2025 was presented.

A motion was made by Adriane Kramer and seconded by Karla Vappie to approve the 2026 budget.

New Business:

A motion was made by Karla Vappie and seconded by Mary Bailey to approve the 2026 board meeting schedule.

According to the board officer rotation schedule, Don T. Caffery will act as board chair and Carla Davis will act as vice-chair in 2026.

Director's Report:

Ashton Myers presented her director's report. The library will be subscribing to LibraryIQ, which is a data analysis and strategic assessment tool for public libraries to analyze collections, service usage

and patron demographics. This subscription will go into effect in January of 2026. The teen zone in Franklin is complete and has received positive feedback from those who have utilized it. Fall staff training day was held on November 7th. The State Library of LA was on site training staff on general reference, patron privacy, customer service and readers advisory. Ashton Myers announced various grants that she has applied for on the library's behalf and will update the board as those grants are reviewed. The library experienced an issue with the domain expiration and inability to access the portal which it is held, which led to the creation of a new domain. The new library website and domain is smplib.org.

The next meeting will be held January 13, 2026 in Franklin.

Ashton Myers reminded the board to complete their sexual harassment and ethics training before December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Karla Vappie to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mary Bailey. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.