



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: **July 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regine Brindle, Bryan Maggart, Leslie Murphy, Alison Paul, and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Regina McDowell, Stacy Mize

STAFF PRESENT: Director- Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director- Michelle Spangler

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the June 2025 Minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Taylor.

Motion seconded by Murphy.

The motion passed with four affirmatives, with Maggart abstaining.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Review of the financial statements, claims, and bank statements.

Approval of the financial statements has been tabled until next month as Treasurer McDowell was absent.

Motion to accept the claims was made by Taylor.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

The motion passed with four affirmatives, with Maggart abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The microfilm machine is currently out of order. The person who repairs it is having health issues and will be here to fix it when he is released from his doctor to return to work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Peru Public Library is in compliance with Indiana State Library Standards. A copy of this letter from the Indiana State Library can be found in the July board pack.
- The Maximum Levy Growth Quotient for the 2026 Budget is 4%.
- Update on the Lavengood Estate
 - A family member is claiming the entire estate was intended for her to inherit. Our lawyer, Elizabeth Price, has scheduled a meeting with Paul and Farnham to discuss the situation.

- ReDiscover Downtown Peru grant paperwork was sent in for reimbursement for the windows on the Children's Floor. We haven't received a reimbursement check yet.
- A committee to review the annual library policy was appointed. A motion to appoint Paul, Murphy, and Brindle for the committee was made by Paul and seconded by Murphy. The motion passed with four affirmatives, with Maggart abstaining.
- John and Julie Schwartz are donating money again this year. We are hoping to use those funds to purchase new shelving on the Children's Floor.
- Renovation
 - Farnham is working with Hobbs on getting the parking lot resealed and striped.
 - Farnham is working on an outdoor lighting project which includes replacing the light bulbs, replacing the light fixtures, and painting the poles and railings. The bulbs were replaced on the east side of the building and will be replaced on the west side of the building soon.
 - Farnham will get a quote for replacement windows in the Psi Iota Xi room.

OLD BUSINESS

- [Ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com)
 - Discussion about the start of implementation for ancestry.com. Murphy made a motion to begin the process of implementing ancestry.com in March of 2026. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed with four affirmatives, with Maggart abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

- Members signed the Board of Trustees Code of Ethics, which can be found in the July board pack.
- The Commitment to join the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for 2026-2027 was signed by board members. It passed with four affirmatives through signatures, with Maggart abstaining.
- The Budget Committee presented the proposed 2026 Budget to the Library Board of Trustees. The 2026 total budget is \$612,449.
 - A motion to accept the 2026 Budget was made by the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed with four affirmatives, with Maggart opposed.
 - The Budget Hearing is set for September 25, 2025.
 - The Budget Adoption is set for October 23, 2025.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:39 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

MINUTES REVIEWED BY: Gennell Taylor, Secretary

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Gennell Taylor - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary