



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 25, 2025

2026 BUDGET HEARING

The 2026 Budget Hearing was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at the Peru Public Library. The hearing was called to order by President Alison Paul at 6:32. The budget proposed for 2026 is \$612,449, with a tax rate of 0.2431%. There were no remonstrances from the public.

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regine Brindle, Regina McDowell, Stacy Mize, Leslie Murphy, Alison Paul, and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Bryan Maggart

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: County Commissioner - Brenda Weaver

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the August 2025 Minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Murphy.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Motion to accept the financial statements, claims, and bank statements was made by Murphy.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 2026 Budget Important Dates
 - 2026 Budget Adoption: Thursday, October 23 at 6:30

- Lavengood Estate Update
 - All of the non-profits involved in the case agreed to hire William Ramsey from Barrett McNagny. We are waiting for the contracts to sign.
- The Library Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, at 4:30. The committee consists of Brindle, Murphy, and Paul.
- The microfilm machine has been fixed and the bill for the repairs has been paid.
- Changes to the November and December meetings due to the Holidays. The motion to change the dates was made by Taylor and seconded by Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. The new dates are as follows:
 - November 20th, 2026 at 6:30
 - December 18th, 2026 at 6:30
- The link to Newspaper Archives is now on our webpage.
- Renovations
 - Children's Room Shelving- We received two quotes for the shelving project on the Children's Floor. This project will be funded with the money that is donated from John and Julie Schwartz. The quote from Library Furniture International came in at \$38,992.73. KI Furniture estimated the project to cost between \$46,000-\$48,000. Both quotes are in the Board Pack. Farnham will be using Library Furniture International.
 - Paul made a motion to approve the purchase of the new shelving for the Children's Room. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The HVAC has been down. Mr. Day and also QPH have not successfully been able to service the unit. QPH is contacting Carrier to work on a solution.
 - We should know by the end of the year if we will have the funds for windows for the program room.
 - The Outdoor Lighting Project is in progress. Some of the lights have been replaced.
 - The parking lot had to be restripped again. Paul noticed it had been done incorrectly in the handicapped area, so Farnham requested it to be done again properly. This project is now completed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Regina McDowell resigned as Vice President. Leslie Murphy was elected as the new Vice President in a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Salary Schedule is in the Board Pack. It has to be approved each year for the annual report. Taylor made a motion to approve the salary schedule for 2026. The motion was seconded by McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:14 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