



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: November 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Regine Brindle and Bryan Maggart

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver and Denise Gornto

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the October 2025 Minutes.

Motion to accept both sets of minutes was made by Murphy.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

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 Taylor.

The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The NICF Presentation has been tabled until next month.
- Lavengood Estate Update
 - The death deeds have been refiled in the appropriate counties. There was discussion between the attorneys, realtor Jill Miles, and Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management about leasing the farm land for the next crop season. This will depend on when the case may possibly be settled. This money will go into a separate account.
- The 2026 Budget of \$612,449 with a tax rate of .1667 was submitted and approved.
- The State Board of Accounts Examination of our financials from 2021-2024 has been completed.

- We received a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for the 250 Anniversary of America.
- Changes to the December meeting due to the Holidays.
 - Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at 6:30
- Renovations
 - Children's Room Shelving- The contract for the new shelving has been signed. The estimated installment will be in the first quarter of 2026.
 - Windows for the program room will be discussed in Old Business.
 - The Outdoor Lighting Project is complete.

OLD BUSINESS

- Window quote for the Program Room and Fire Escape
 - Harris Glass submitted a quote of \$32,245 for the entire project or \$24,840 for just the program room (omitting the back stairway). The quote can be found in the Board Pack.
 - A motion to go forward with Harris Glass to complete the entire window project was made by Paul.
 - The motion was seconded by McDowell.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lavengood Estate
 - Discussion on the percentage that the library will be paying the lawyer working on our case. It has been recommended that we pay 40% of the bill, while the YMCA and Honeywell will pay 30% each. This is based on the percentage that each organization was bequeathed to receive.
 - A motion to pay 40% of the lawyer fee to William Ramsey from Barrett McNagny was made by Taylor.
 - The motion was seconded by Murphy.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Regina McDowell submitted a resignation from the Library Board of Trustees beginning on November 21, 2025. She is moving out of the state. Fellow trustees expressed their sadness at her leaving, but wished her well. McDowell was presented with a plaque and shirt as a parting gift.

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