



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 18, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

### ATTENDEES

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Stacy Mize and Bryan Maggart

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Denise Gorto, Brenda Weaver (County Commissioner), and Tim Fisher (City Councilman)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Fisher plans to start attending Library Board Meetings frequently as a representative of the City Council.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the November 2025 Minutes.

Motion to accept the 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 Paul.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

The motion passed unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The representatives from the NICF were unable to attend this evening. They sent a letter stating that the Library is receiving \$300,000 from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation over a 3 year period to help pay for cards for county residents. We will also be getting a consultant to help negotiate with the county to try to find a way to serve the county after the 3 year period is over. This money is coming from a grant from the Lily Foundation.
- Lavengood Estate Update
  - Mr. Lavengood's relative, Amber, is requesting a special administrator. The court date for the appointment of this administrator is January 20, 2026.

- The cost of the Audit/Examination that was recently conducted on the Library was \$2,264.95.
- Confirmation that the Internal Controls Verification has been completed by all staff members and board members.
- Appointment of New Board Member- Denise Gornto has applied as a candidate for the Library Board. At the City Council Meeting on January 5, 2026, Tim Fisher will be recommending her as our new appointee. If appointed, she will begin attending board meetings after being sworn in.
- Renovation
  - Children's Room Shelving- The deposit was submitted and they should be ready within the first quarter of 2026.
  - Windows for Program Room- The deposit has been submitted and the windows will be replaced in May 2026.
  - AC Unit- Quality Plumbing and Heating did a site visit to find out what sort of unit we need. They will be in touch.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discuss the transfer of \$650 from Operating to Unemployment
  - A motion to transfer \$650 from Operating to Unemployment as made by Murphy.
  - The motion was seconded by Brindle.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss the transfer of \$5,000 from Operating to LIRF.
  - A motion to transfer \$5,000 from Operating to LIRF was made by Brindle.
  - The motion was seconded by Taylor.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- As Regina McDowell is no longer on the board, a new treasurer needs to be elected.
  - Paul made the motion to appoint Regine Brindle as Treasurer.
  - The motion was seconded by Taylor.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss plans for the library's future and the partnership with the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:41 PM.**

**MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director**

**MINUTES REVIEWED BY: Gennell Taylor, Secretary**

**SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

(Signature and Date)

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**Gennell Taylor - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary**