



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 22, 2026**

### **CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD OF FINANCE - Board of Trustees**

A Board of Finance meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

### **ATTENDEES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regine Brindle, Denise Gornto, Alison Paul and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Leslie Murphy

MEMBER ABSENCES: Stacy Mize

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

### **MEET AS BOARD OF FINANCE**

- The Board reviewed the ending financial balances for 2025 and verified the beginning financial balances for 2026.
- PNC and Beacon Credit Union have already been approved as depositories with the State of Indiana.
- All board members and staff have received Internal Controls Training. These trainings have been documented and are located in the trustee's or employee's file.

***There being no further business, the Board of Finance was adjourned by President Paul at 6:41 PM.***

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

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

***Trustee Bryan Maggart emailed Farnham on January 22, 2026 with his resignation from the Library Board, effective immediately.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Review of the December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the December minutes was made by Taylor.

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 Brindle.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Circus Hall of Fame will be working with Spangler to sponsor a circus themed book for the Story Walk.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Welcome to Denise Gornto, the newest board member and City Council Representative.
- An updated listing of board members and their appointments, terms, and addresses can be found in the board pack; this will be updated again as Maggart has recently resigned.
- NICF Update
  - Farnham received an email to sign paperwork for the funds. She signed the needed documents and was informed that we should be receiving the check from NICF next week.
- Lavengood Update
  - We have not received any new information since our last board meeting.
- Change of February 2026 Board Meeting due to new shelving being installed on the Children's Floor.
  - New date is Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30
- The 100 R has been submitted, which includes employee names and salaries.
- The State Board of Accounts Report is in process.
- The Library Annual Report will be completed once we receive the numbers we are waiting on from the Indiana State Library.
- Renovation
  - Children's Room Shelving- Installation will be on February 26-27. The Children's Floor will be closed from February 23-March 3.
  - Program Room and Fire Escape Windows- Installation will begin in May.
  - Future Projects- The AC Unit, we are still waiting on information from QPH.

## **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion of the Changes to Appropriations
  - Motion to approve the changes to the appropriations (as found in the Board Pack) from the 2025 Operating Fund was made by Brindle.
  - Motion seconded by Taylor.
  - The motion passed unanimously.

***A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the program room of the library.***

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:35 PM.**

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

**SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

(Signature and Date)

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