



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 26, 2026**

### **CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees**

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, March 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by Vice President Leslie Murphy.

### **ATTENDEES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Belinda Bomhoff and Gennell Taylor

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Denise Gornto and Leslie Murphy

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Alison Paul and Regine Brindle

MEMBER ABSENCES: Stacy Mize

STAFF PRESENT: Director Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director Michelle Spangler

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Review of the February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Gornto.

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**

- An updated list of the board members, their appointments and terms, as well as their addresses can be found in the board pack.
- NICF Update
  - The library began distributing Funded Non-Resident Cards on March 5, 2026. We had 1,000 cards available and currently have about 175 cards left.
- Lavengood Estate Update
  - A trial has been set for October 14-15, 2026.

- The Peru Public Library will be the official Summer Reading Program for the Peru Community Schools again this year. We will be visiting the schools in May to promote the program.
- The library received a legal memo regarding SEA 119 and sex offenders being on the property during youth programs. We have placed a sign on the door informing the public of the times of our programming for children. We are also required to call the police if we become aware that a sex offender is in the building during a children's program.
- Per Indiana Law, we have until April 26, 2027 to have our website ADA compliant. Farnham contacted the Indiana Office of Technology to get assistance converting our website to a compliant template.
- The Peru Tribune 2020-2024 and the Plain Dealer 2024-2025 have been digitized.
- We have three Board Members whose appointments will be expiring on May 31, 2026. Those members are Paul, Murphy, and Mize.
- The State Board of Accounts Annual Report has been submitted.
- The Library Annual Report is currently in process.
- Renovation
  - Children's Room Shelving- Installation is scheduled for April 16 & 17. The Children's Floor will be closed the week of April 13-17.
  - Program Room and Fire Escape Windows- Installation is scheduled for May 11-15.
  - Future Projects- The HVAC Unit (Quote of \$87,643.04 in Board Pack)

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A ByLaw Committee was appointed, consisting of Paul, Gornto, and Taylor.
- HVAC Unit Discussion
  - Farnham contacted the State Board of Accounts to confirm if we had to have multiple bids for the project. She was notified that we did not have to have multiple bids, but we did need at least three quotes. Farnham will invite the representative from QPH to attend the April meeting. Gornto made a motion to table the discussion until the April meeting. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The HVAC discussion was tabled until the next Board of Trustees meeting.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Murphy at 7:24 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**