# BOARD MEETING MINUTES:
# September 17, 2026

**2027 BUDGET HEARING**
The 2027 Budget Hearing was held on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at the Peru Public Library. The hearing was called to order by President Alison Paul at 6:31. The budget proposed for 2027 is $630,821, with a tax rate of .02080. 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 17, 2026. The meeting was presided over by President Alison Paul.

**ATTENDEES**
MEMBERS PRESENT: Belinda Bomhoff, Regine Brindle, Denise Gornto, Alison Paul, Kathy Sostok, and Gennell Taylor
MEMBER APOLOGIES: Leslie Murphy
STAFF PRESENT: Director Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director Michelle Spangler
PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
Review of the August 2026 Board Meeting minutes, the Budget Committee minutes, and the Library Policy Committee minutes. A correction to the time of adjourning from p.m. to a.m. in the Library Policy minutes.

- A motion to accept all sets of minutes was made by Brindle.
- The motion was seconded by Taylor.
- The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
Review of the financial statements, claims, and bank statements.

- A motion to accept the financial statements, claims, and bank statements was made by Bomhoff.
- The motion was seconded by Sostok.
- The motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
A planning session needs to be scheduled with Jason Gornto, the consultant hired by the Community Foundation. Paul is going to contact Jason to work out a schedule.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Lavengood Update: We were informed that a relative is contesting the settlement, but have no further information beyond that.
- The Library Employee Handbook Committee, consisting of Sostok, Bomhoff, and Paul will be setting a day to meet.
- Due to the Holidays, it was suggested to move the November and December meetings to the following:
    - November 19, 2026
    - December 17, 2026
    - A motion was made by Paul to move the meetings to the suggested dates. The motion was seconded by Gornto. The motion passed unanimously.
- Renovation
    - The ADA compliant website is in progress.
    - Shelving in the Children's Room- the tops of the shelves were taken to be fixed and will be returned when completed.
    - Painting- The painting project is scheduled to begin the first weekend of October.
    - Basement Office Remodel
        - The following needs to be completed for this project: door in lobby, small basement room, floors, office, and office furniture.

**OLD BUSINESS**
None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Review of the changes to the Library Policy as presented by the library policy committee.
    - A motion to accept the library policy was presented by Sostok.
    - The motion was seconded by Brindle.
    - The motion passed unanimously.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:52 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**