



BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular/Annual Meeting Minutes September 10, 2025

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met at the Library! at Hillcrest in the Butte Room for their regular/annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025

City Staff and Partners Present

Jessica Dorr, Library Director
Emily Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer
Kathy Stalder, Acquisitions & Technical Services Sr Manager
Heidi Lewis, Public Services Sr Manager
Sarah Kelley-Chase, Public Services Sr Manager
Kari Davis, Library Administrative Manager
Megan McIntosh, Library Administrative Specialist
Ed Jewell, Boise City Legal Counsel
Shivaun Korfanta, Library Marketing Manager
Huda Shaltry, Library Branch Manager
Lindsay Erb, Public Works Senior Project Manager
Zoe Clifford, Public Works Facility Project Coordinator
Camille Franks, Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (Remote)
Vicky Loegering, Representative of the Friends of the Boise Public Library (Remote)
Colin Nash, Boise City Council President

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m., and a roll call was conducted.

Present: Ron Pisaneschi, President; Evelyn Johnson; Reshma Kamal; Brian Klene.

Absent: Nicole Trammel Pantera, Vice President.

Vice President Pantera joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Dorr introduced the Library! at Hillcrest's Branch Manager Huda Shaltry and Public Works Facility Project Coordinator Zoe Clifford to Trustees.

2. Communications

It was noted that emails and letters from citizens in support of a library in West Boise sent to the Board would be addressed as part of the draft Library Facilities Plan discussion.

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BOISE CITY COUNCIL: Colin Nash (President), Meredith Stead (President Pro Tem), Kathy Corless, Jimmy Hallyburton, Jordan Morales, Luci Willits

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3. Minutes-Action Item

a. August 13, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION to approve the August 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Kamal

Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; Klene, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

4. Consent Agenda-Action Item

a. Payment of Bills and Payroll

b. Financial Reports

MOTION to approve the August bills and payroll, the expenditure/revenue reports for the period ending July 31, 2025, and the gift fund activity report for July 2025.

Motion: Klene

Second: Johnson

Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; Klene, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

Clarification was provided on the Capital Projects section of the Expense Report.

5. Reports

a. Friends of the Boise Public Library

Loeering shared the Friends have settled in and are enjoying their new bookstore space off Fulton. On Saturday, October 25th, the Friends are hosting a children's book sale where attendees can buy books by the bag. There is also another book sale scheduled for November 15th and 16th.

b. Boise Public Library Foundation

Franks reported the Foundation enjoyed selling shirts, posters, and stickers at the Boise Comic Arts Festival (BCAF). The revenue from these sales was just under \$1,300.00. The Foundation also partnered with Rediscovered Books for profit shares from guest creator book signings at BCAF. Proceeds will be shared with the Board once the Foundation has the final amount.

c. Library Director's Report including Administration and Management

Dorr invited the Trustees to attend the Library's Staff In-Service Day on Monday, October 13th at the Shrine Social Club. The theme for the day is the Best In-Service Day Ever, Vol. II: Gather and Grow. The Library will be closed to the public to allow staff to connect with other divisions across the Library system; work together; and recharge and reflect.

Dorr shared with Trustees an overview of the First Floor Renovation Project move. The Downtown Library was closed the first week of September for construction preparations and setting up the collections in their new configurations on the Second and Third Floors. Dorr stated the move was a



massive undertaking and the success was due to the effort of the City's Facilities group, IT, Public Works, and Library staff. The First Floor Renovations Project is a substantial investment in the Downtown Library to create a welcoming space for everyone and prioritize children growing up in the Library. Dorr thanked the community for being so accommodating while preparations for the renovations were underway.

6. Requests for Reconsideration

None

7. Educational Item

None

8. Old Business

a. Library Facilities Update - Action Item

Dorr continued the Library Facilities Plan discussion with the Board and shared information on usage of other Lynx Library Consortium libraries by Boise cardholders; the 2019 voter initiative Proposition 1; and cost estimates for potential library projects.

Trustees discussed the cost estimates and concerns around obtaining the funding needed to implement the Facilities Plan. It was noted that it is necessary to be mindful and thoughtful regarding costs, but still prudent to focus on what is best for the Library system. The efficiency of co-locating, multipurpose facilities, and partnership opportunities were also highlighted.

Dorr shared the draft agenda for the Joint Session with Council on Tuesday, October 14th. The session will include a review of the goals and the process for developing the Library's Facility Plan; a review of the key findings from Group 4 and recommendations from the director; and a discussion regarding factors for implementation.

Pisaneschi acknowledged the letters and emails received from citizens in support of a library in West Boise. He emphasized that the Board is listening and appreciates their support of libraries.

The Board elected to take no action on the draft Library Facilities Plan until after the October Joint Work Session with Council.

9. New Business

a. Selection of Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2026 - Action Item

Per Idaho state code, the Board of Trustees is required to adopt and establish the regular board meeting schedule on an annual basis. Due to the First Floor renovations at the Downtown Library, the monthly board meetings will be held in a rotating schedule at the Library locations of Bown Crossing, Cole & Ustick, and Hillcrest. The Board will also be having a joint work session with City Council on Tuesday, October 14th in place of their regular October meeting.



MOTION to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 meeting schedule.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Klene

Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; Klene, yes; Pantera, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

10. Review, Amend, Repeal, or Adopt Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures

The Boise Public Library Policy Manual was reviewed monthly with the annual review completed at the August 13, 2025 meeting. Trustees conducted their yearly review of the Library Board bylaws.

11. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2026- **Action Item**

Article IV, Section 1 of the Library Board of Trustees Bylaws states: *The Board shall elect at its annual meeting from its members a President and Vice President who shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until his/her successor is elected.*

MOTION to elect Ron Pisaneschi as President and Nicole Trammel Pantera as Vice President for the term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Klene

Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; Klene, yes; Pantera, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

12. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Klene

Second: Johnson

Result: Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 1:17 p.m.

Approved

Jessica Dorr, Director

Ron Pisaneschi, President

