



# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

## BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met at the Main Library in the Marion Bingham Room for their regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025

### City Staff and Partners Present

Jessica Dorr, Library Director  
Emily Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kathleen 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  
Haley Shillito, Community Resource Coordinator  
Tiffany Bryner, Librarian Sr – Home-based Services  
Maggie Smith, Senior Budget Analyst  
Emma Woodbury, Boise City Legal Intern  
Julia Dryer, Boise City Legal Intern  
Camille Franks, Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (Remote)  
Jill Johnson, Treasurer of the Friends of the Boise Public Library (Remote)  
Luci Willits, Boise City Councilmember  
Colin Nash, Boise City Council President

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:33a.m., and a roll call was conducted.

Present: Rebecca Lemmons, President; Nicole Trammel Pantera; Reshma Kamal; Brian Klene.

Absent: Ron Pisaneschi, Vice President.

### 2. Communications

None

### 3. Minutes-Action Item

**MOTION** to approve the April 09, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Klene

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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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**Second:** Pantera

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

#### **4. Consent Agenda-Action Item**

##### **a. Payment of Bills and Payroll**

##### **b. Financial Reports**

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

**Motion:** Klene

**Second:** Pantera

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

#### **5. Reports**

##### **a. Friends of the Boise Public Library**

Johnson reported the Friends are excited to be part of the Summer Reading & Learning Celebration. The Friends are hosting a book sale at their location off Fulton Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They have also extended their weekly donation hours to include Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

##### **b. Boise Public Library Foundation**

Franks shared that the Foundation's participation in the 2025 Idaho Gives Campaign yielded over \$2,700 in donations from 46 donors. Trustees thanked Franks for the Foundation's continued support and participation in the Idaho Gives Campaign. Franks announced the Foundation is donating \$2,000 towards the printing of Summer Reading stickers with the design featured on the 2025 Summer Reading shirts. The Foundation will meet Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

##### **c. Library Director's Report including Administration and Management**

Dorr encouraged everyone to attend the Summer Reading & Learning Celebration on May 17<sup>th</sup> at JUMP (Jack's Urban Meeting Place). Dorr also shared that each Library location will be hosting parties on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to kick-off the first day of summer reading.

The call for Trustee applications closed at the end of April with 12 applications submitted for review. Dorr is currently contacting potential candidates for discussions, prior to sending recommendations to the Mayor. The current timeline supports a June confirmation and a full Board of Trustees for the July meeting. Today's meeting is the last in-person meeting for Lemmons. Dorr expressed Library staff's thanks and appreciation to Lemmons for her leadership and support.

Dorr shared the fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget timeline. Council will hold the first of two FY 2026 Budget Workshops on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The full budget will



be released to the public on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with the second Council workshop held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dorr highlighted the FY 2026 budget will be on the June Library Board agenda.

Dorr reported the Library has made progress in conversations with Group 4 concerning modeling and recommendations for the Library Strategic Facilities Plan. The recommendations are expected to be part of upcoming Library Board agendas. Dorr also shared that Step Ahead Idaho will be leaving their location at the Hillcrest branch at the end of the calendar year. Dorr highlighted the great work Library Data Analyst James Souder has done with the data included in the meeting packet. The updates and changes to the board data consist of adding definitions, more historical data comparisons, and new program attendance data. Next step is to have Community Engagement create a more digestible format for publication. Dorr invited feedback from Trustees.

## 6. Requests for Reconsideration - **Action Item**

Trustees considered a request for reconsideration of *Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention – and How to Think Deeply Again* by Johann Hari. The title was being reconsidered following the passage of the “Children's School and Library Protection Act” which was opposed by the Library Board.

### a. ***Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention – and How to Think Deeply Again* by Johann Hari**

Trustees considered the recommendation from the director to review this title using library procedures and relay the requestor's concerns to the author regarding language used in the book. The request was specific to the copy of a book from the Boise Public Library collection obtained by a Nampa Library cardholder through the Lynx Library Consortium. It was noted that current policy does not specify reconsideration requests must come from a Boise Public Library cardholder, Boise resident, or property owner.

Council President Nash inquired if the Library tracks the time and resources spent responding to each of these requests. Dorr answered that each request averages around 10 hours of Library and City staff time and noted this number does not include Trustee review time. If the time the Board spends on reviewing requests would be included, the time would be greater.

**MOTION** to adopt the Director's recommendation to keep the book in the collection and to share publisher and author contact information with the requestor.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Klene

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

## 7. Old Business



**a. Boise Public Library Policy Review:**

**Section 4.00, Use of the Library-Action Item**

Kelley-Chase reviewed subsection 4.07 of the Boise Public Library Manual with Trustees. The recommended changes were specific to records created by the Library identifying user information and confirmed user reading history is confidential by nature. Recommended edits are designed to clarify that the documents and information related to requests for reconsideration submitted by the public are public record. Trustees discussed and highlighted the necessity of transparency regarding the information included in the reconsideration process.

**MOTION** to approve the recommended changes to Policy 4.07.

**Motion:** Pantera

**Second:** Kamal

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

**Section 5.00, Collection Development & Maintenance-Action Item**

Stalder reviewed section 5.00, *Collection Development & Maintenance* of the Boise Public Library Manual with Trustees. Stalder explained the changes to regulation 5.01c, The Nature and Quality of Materials, were designed to update the collection development criteria to include artificial intelligence (AI) materials without clear human involvement. Trustees questioned the necessity and longevity of the change highlighting the accelerated pace of development in AI. It was noted the subject of AI and AI generated materials is an ongoing conversation without a clear directive at this time. As the Board reviews policy yearly, if the regulation becomes obsolete, it can be revised.

Stalder reviewed recommended changes to subsection 5.02, Reconsideration of Materials. This change creates two separate forms to provide clarity to the public regarding which form to utilize. Exhibit 5.02a is designated for requests for reconsideration. When submitting requests for reconsideration, the importance of the requestor being someone from the Boise community and pays taxes for the Library was noted. Exhibit 5.02b establishes a written notice for alleging materials harmful to minors. The written notice is designated for individuals coming into the Library and interacting with the materials. Stalder noted the Library purchases materials to meet the needs of the community and community members without limiting materials to meet criteria from other libraries. Trustees discussed the importance of transparency with the public in receiving and reviewing these requests while providing feedback to further clarity and the public's understanding of the right pathway for their intentions.

**MOTION** to approve the recommended changes to Policy 5.02 as presented.

**Motion:** Pantera

**Second:** Kamal



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

This continues the Library Board of Trustees annual policy review for Fiscal Year 2025 as stipulated by the Board's bylaws.

**8. New Business**

None

**9. Selection of Trustee to Review Vouchers**

Pantera was selected to be the Trustee to review vouchers.

**10. Selection of Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting is June 11, 2025.

**11. Adjourn**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Klene

**Second:** Pantera

**Result:** Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 12:28 pm.

**Approved:**

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Jessica Dorr, Director

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Rebecca Lemmons, President

