BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met at the Library! at Cole and Ustick in the Sagebrush Room for their regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

City Staff and Partners Present
Jessica Dorr, Library Director
Emily Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer
Kathy Stalder, Acquisitions and Technical Services Sr Manager
Heid 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
Anne Esplin, Library Supervisor
Zac Clarke, Deputy Chief of Staff, Community Programs
Lindsay Erb, Public Works Sr Project Manager
Maggie Smith, Senior Budget Analyst
Scott Fields, Information Technology Field Technician
Meredith Turner, Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (Remote)
Penny Manning, Friends of the Boise Public Library Vice President (Remote)
Luci Willits, Boise City Council Member (Remote)

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
   The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m., and a roll call was conducted.

   Present: Ron Pisaneschi, President; Evelyn Johnson; Reshma Kamal; Theresa McLeod.

   Absent: Nicole Trammel Pantera, Vice President

2. **Communications**
   None

3. **Minutes-Action Item**
   a. **July 08, 2026, Regular Meeting**
      MOTION to approve the July 08, 2026 meeting minutes.
      Motion: McLeod
      Second: Kamal
      Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; McLeod, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

4. **Consent Agenda-Action Item**
    a. **Payment of Bills and Payroll**
    b. **Financial Reports**
    MOTION to approve the June bills and payroll, the expenditure/revenue reports for the period ending June 30, 2026 and the gift fund activity report for June 2026.
        Motion: Johnson
        Second: Kamal
        Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; McLeod, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.
5. **Reports**
    a. **Friends of the Boise Public Library**
    Manning shared the Friends recently held a successful sidewalk sale at the Fulton location. An online auction, currently available for preview on the Friends' website, will open August 18th. The Board of Directors will meet August 22nd to continue their board development efforts.

    b. **Boise Public Library Foundation**
    Turner reported that the Foundation will hold a fundraiser at the Downtown Bardenay on August 17th, with 10% of proceeds benefiting the Library. The Foundation will also participate in the Boise Comic Arts Festival (BCAF) on September 5th and 6th.

    The Foundation held a strategic planning session and will discuss next steps at their upcoming Board meeting. They are also developing a website and recruitment strategy to increase board support for events and fundraising.

    c. **Library Director's Report including Administration and Management**
    Dorr announced Boise City Council approved a $170,000 interim budget change for sound mitigation at the Bown Crossing and Cole and Ustick locations. Funding was transferred to Public Works, and the Board will receive updates as design and scheduling details are determined.

    The City Hall West book drop will be removed in late September due to low usage and to accommodate an additional courier stop at the Meridian Library District warehouse.

    At the annual meeting in September, the Board will approve FY27 meeting dates, locations, and elect officers. The November meeting was rescheduled from November 11th to Friday, November 13th, at City Council Chambers.

    Dorr highlighted the Boise Comic Arts Festival kicks off September 4th with guest creator class visits. This year's event includes the new BCAF Reads, featuring works by Mike Lawrence, Jeremy Whitley, and Mimi Pond, who will participate in discussions.

6. **Requests for Reconsideration**
    Requests for the move, or removal of materials are brought to the Board for reconsideration at the Library Board President's discretion.
    a. ***Princess Pete* by Zoey Allen**

A request for reconsideration has been received by the Library for this title and is posted on the Library website. The request will be brought before the Library Board at the September 9, 2026 meeting.

7. **Old Business**
   a. **Boise Public Library Policy Review: - Action Item**
   Section 4.00, Use of the Library
   Dorr noted that, in response to House Bill 715, City Code was modernized by moving operational details better suited for Board oversight to Library policy.

   Lewis reviewed recommended changes to section 4.00 specifically subsections 4.01 and 4.02 of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual with Trustees. Language previously mentioned in City Code regarding fees for non-resident cards was added to policy 4.01. Corporate cards were removed from City Code and policies 4.01 and 4.02. and will be discontinued October 1st. Existing corporate cards will be honored through their expiration dates and the Library will work with affected organizations on how to maintain access. Lewis noted that address verification will change from annually to every three years to improve convenience for Library users and consistency across the Lynx Library Consortium.

   MOTION to approve the recommended changes to Policy 4.01, Use of the Library, and 4.02, Circulation, of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual to go into effect on October 1, 2026.
   Motion: Johnson
   Second: McLeod
   Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Kamal, yes; McLeod, yes; Pisaneschi, yes.

   Section 8.00, Displays and Exhibits
   Kelley-Chase reviewed section 8.00 of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual with Trustees. The staff recommended no changes to this section of the policy manual.

   This concludes the Library Board of Trustees annual policy review for Fiscal Year 2026 as stipulated by the Board's bylaws.

8. **New Business**
   None

9. **Selection of Trustee to Review Payment Vouchers**
   Trustee review for vouchers by Pisaneschi.

10. **Selection of Meeting Date**
    Next regular/annual meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at the Library! at Hillcrest.

11. **Adjourn**
    MOTION to adjourn the meeting.
    Motion: McLeod
    Second: Johnson
    Result: Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 12:34 p.m.

Approved

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Jessica Dorr, Director

Ron Pisaneschi, President