



**BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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, May 13, 2026.

City Staff and Partners Present

Jessica Dorr, Library Director
Emily Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer
Kathy Stalder, Acquisitions and 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
Renee Addington, Library Branch Manager
Zac Clarke, Deputy Chief of Staff, Community Programs
Maggie Smith, Senior Budget Analyst
Haley Shilito, Community Resource Coordinator
Jonny Bush, Assistant Security Operations Manager
Meredith Turner, Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (Remote)
Kirsten Ocker, Friends of the Boise Public Library President (Remote)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m., and a roll call was conducted.

Present: Ron Pisaneschi, President; Nicole Trammel Pantera, Vice President; Evelyn Johnson.

Absent: Reshma Kamal; Brian Klene.

2. Communications

None

3. Minutes-Action Item

a. April 8, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION to approve the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Pantera

Result: Motion carried on a roll call vote of Johnson, yes; Pantera, yes; Pisaneschi, 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, 2026, and the gift fund activity report for March 2026.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

5. Reports

a. Friends of the Boise Public Library

Ocker reported the Friends completed a special item auction last week reporting \$2,500 in revenue. The Friends will be participating in the Summer Reading and Learning Celebration at Jack's Urban Meeting Place (J.U.M.P.).

b. Boise Public Library Foundation

Turner shared the Foundation received more than \$7,000 during Idaho Gives; the group will participate in the Summer Reading and Learning Celebration; and is scheduled to vote on the Google for Nonprofits grant at their May 14 board meeting.

c. Library Director's Report including Administration and Management

Dorr announced the Downtown Library reopened following completion of the electrical system closure. Work included abatement; a new sorter room doorway; and carpet and drywall replacement. Dorr thanked staff and the public for their flexibility.

Dorr provided an update on the Board of Trustees recruitment. The Library is currently working with Board leadership and city leadership on applicant reviews and remains on track for a June appointment.

Dorr reported on the April 28th City Council work session regarding the Library Facilities Plan. Council had requested additional information on potential innovative service models and related cost projections which Dorr presented. In the following discussion, council directed staff to begin the lease renewal process for the Library! at Hillcrest and the Library! at Collister when the negotiation windows open. The joint work session scheduled for June was postponed. Dorr noted that in her State of the City Address, the mayor outlined a \$2 million commitment in FY27 for seed funding to support expanded West Boise Library access.

Dorr highlighted the Summer Reading and Learning Celebration will be held May 16 at J.U.M.P. Summer Reading officially launches at all Library locations on May 22.

6. Requests for Reconsideration

None

7. New Business

a. Appeal of Administrative Decision- Action Item

Trustees considered the appeal of the three-month library suspension of Mr. Clary. Pisaneschi set the stage and established expectations for the appeal process. Both



Mr. Clary and Dorr spoke to the circumstances of his suspension. Following consideration of the appeal and discussion by the Board, Trustees voted to uphold the suspension through July 10, 2026 at all five library locations.

MOTION to uphold the three-month suspension based on the violation of the Library Code of Conduct Number One.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

b. FY26 Ada Community Library Annexation Compensation Agreement- Action Item

Dorr reviewed the FY26 Ada Community Library Annexation Compensation Agreement between Ada Community Library and Boise City. By agreement the Library owes Ada Community Library \$544,000 for FY26. Dorr clarified that the compensation agreement allows Boise Public Library users to access all services at Ada Community Library.

MOTION to approve FY26 Annexation Compensation Agreement as presented and submit to City Council for final approval.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

c. Library Board Bylaws

Dorr shared the proposed changes to the Board Bylaws due to the passage of House Bill 715 by the Idaho Legislature. This will be brought back for Board approval in June.

8. Old Business

a. Boise Public Library Policy Review:

Section 2.00, Personnel -Action Item

Dorr reviewed section 2.00, Personnel, specifically subsection 2.01 of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual with Trustees. Changes to section 2.01 are to align with the passage of House Bill 715 by the Idaho Legislature.

MOTION to approve the recommended changes to Policy 2.01

Motion: Johnson

Second: Pantera

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

Section 2.00, Personnel-Action Item

Dorr reviewed section 5.00, Collection Development and Maintenance of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual with Trustees. Dorr provided an overview of the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act” highlighting recommended changes in policy due to the passing of Senate Bill 1448 by the Idaho Legislature.



MOTION to approve the recommended changes to Policy 5.02

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

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

9. Selection of Trustee to Review Payment Vouchers

Trustee review for vouchers by Johnson.

10. Selection of Meeting Date

Next regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Library! at Hillcrest.

11. Executive Session: IC 74-206 (1)(b) Personnel Matters- Action Item

MOTION under provisions of Idaho code §74-206(1)(b) the Board recess to an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

The Board recessed to an executive session at 12:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION to approve the evaluation of the Director and forward to City Council.

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

12. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Pantera

Result: Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 12:56 p.m.

Approved

Jessica Dorr, Director

Ron Pisaneschi, President





REVISIONS TO THE “CHILDREN’S SCHOOL AND LIBRARY PROTECTION ACT”

May 13, 2026



BACKGROUND

- On July 1, 2024 the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act” went into effect
- On April 10, 2026 Governor Little signed into law SB 1448 which made changes to the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act”
 - These changes will go into effect July 1, 2026
- Overview of recommended changes
- Request approval of updated policy:
 - 5.02 Reconsideration of Materials

WHAT IS THE “CHILDREN’S SCHOOL AND LIBRARY PROTECTION ACT?”

- Allows minors or parents/guardians of minors to sue a public or school library if the minor obtains materials they consider to be harmful to minors and the library does not move the materials to an adult access only area
- Libraries can be sued for each item considered to be harmful
- The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees updated Library policy to comply with the new legislation during their May 8, 2024 meeting
- New website created for the public: [Reconsideration of Materials | Boise Public Library](#)

TRUSTEE FEEDBACK

When discussing the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act” in 2024, Trustees asked the Library to consider the following when revising policy:

- Implement the new law while upholding the Library’s mission and values
- Understand other applicable laws
- Be as transparent as possible with the public
- Make interactions with the public as easy as possible for frontline staff

LIBRARY VALUES

- We welcome and serve everyone.
- We provide information, services, and programs that are free and open to all.
- We create respectful, safe and inspiring spaces for the entire community.
- We uphold the right to privacy and the freedom to read, seek, and hold different points of view.
- We adapt to emerging needs in our community.



RELEVANT FIRST AMENDMENT PRINCIPLES

There's a First Amendment right to access information.

Government cannot discriminate based on viewpoint.

Minors have First Amendment rights.

Libraries are designed for freewheeling inquiry.

LIMITED CATEGORIES OF UNPROTECTED SPEECH

Defamation

Libel

Fighting
Words

Obscenity

Material
Harmful to
Minors

5.02 RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS POLICY

Process for reviews includes two ways an item can be challenged:

- Request to Reconsider Materials
- Written Notice Alleging Materials Harmful to Minors

For each submission a case file will be created and uploaded to the Library's website:

- Library Director will have 28 days to provide a written response
- Board of Trustees will have 32 days to review the Director's decision
 - The Board can adopt or modify the Director's decision or issue its own decision

If the individual who submitted the "Written Notice Alleging Materials Harmful to Minors" does not find the Board's response satisfactory, they can sue the library in District Court.

5.02 RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS

What has NOT changed

- Review process will be impartial and refer to the Library's Collection Development Policy, supporting exhibits, and regulations
- The three-prong analysis will be used to determine obscenity
- Library staff will consider dutifully all requests for reconsideration and the overall process remains the same

What has changed

- Removal of the "context clause" from the definition of "harmful to minors"
- Addition and definition of the term "adolescent minor" to the definition of "harmful to minors"

THREE PRONG ANALYSIS

Predominately appeals to the prurient interest of minors

Community Standard

Portrays patently offensive sexual conduct

Community Standard

Taken as a whole possesses serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for adolescent minors

If the material possesses serious value for any person 13 to 17 years old, then it does not meet the definition of "harmful to minors"

ROLE OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

- The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the Boise Public Library is in compliance with the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act” and other applicable laws.
- The Board of Trustees will review every complaint impartially.
- The Board will not make any decision to limit access to materials lightly.
 - Board will consider First Amendment protections and core library values of providing a diversity of viewpoints in its deliberation
 - The decision not to censor materials is appealable, but the decision to censor materials is unappealable.

NEXT STEPS

- Following Board approval, we will complete the following steps prior to July 1, 0226:
 - Update policy and support materials on website
 - Update and distributed printed copies of “Request for Reconsideration Form” at all locations

DISCUSSION AND MOTION