

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JUNE 2, 2025

Presiding Officer: Kate Ziady, President

Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Erica Lawrence, Pamela Poe, and Roger Whaley

Board Members absent: Steve Burks and Amy Niemeier

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida Foster, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, Luis Munoz, Ashley Martin, and Payton Barger

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Whaley moved: That a discussion of Erica Lawrence's Board term be added to New Business.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of May 5*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for July 7*

Mr. Whaley moved: That the consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Luis Munoz reported that the Recbar Readers program concluded with 1,700 participants who read a total of 2.3 million minutes.

Sixty meals were served today for the first day of the summer meals program.

Galena's Summer Reading Kickoff is tomorrow. Central's Kickoff was Saturday and had a door count of 1,173. New for this year, 11 community partners set up booths in addition to the Library's activities.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner reported several new hires. Part-time Librarian Assistant Tatum Berry began work on May 21. Summer interns hired for Central are Emma Haley, Morgan Ray, Olivia Eblesisor, and Morgan Schmidt. The CAC's summer intern is Wren Abney. Youth Services Librarian Sharon Frank has resigned effective June 20.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Foster reported that there are still many unknowns trying to navigate the new state budget. Even at the Indiana State Library's budget workshop, there was still no answer on what they will cut.

The Library's KeyFund/Boyce accounting software has been bought out by BS&A. The new company is a cloud-based system. There is a possibility that payroll services could be integrated as well. Ms. Foster would like to switch to the new system in October.

A new security measure at Central will go into effect tonight. A chain will be added across the front porch similar to the one already at the CAC. The camp behind the Annex was called into police, but nothing can be done at this time because the Library doesn't own that section of property.

Retro-Active-Vision is a new exhibit by Scott Scarboro that is now open at the CAC through October 18.

Erica Lawrence reported that the Floyd Central theater department won the 2025 KPA Bradley Award in Outstanding Community Engagement for their collaboration with the Library on The Lightning Thief.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Foundation's 990 was successfully completed and submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Van replacement:

The cargo van is in need of extensive repairs, even though it is only 8 years old. Repairs are estimated at \$8,000, in addition to \$1,500 of work already recently done. Ms. Foster presented a quote for a new van. She would like to use \$10,000 of Foundation funds we already have, and take the rest out of general operating funds.

Ms. Carruthers moved: That a new cargo van be purchased.

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Motion: approved unanimously

Erica Lawrence's Board Term:

Erica Lawrence announced that she will leave the Board soon and a replacement will need to be found. The County Commissioners require a letter of interest and resume from those who are interested in applying for a Board appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lawrence moved: That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....July 14, 2025






