



**BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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, September 9, 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
Shivaun Korfanta, Library Marketing Manager
Kari Davis, Library Administrative Manager
Megan McIntosh, Library Administrative Specialist
Ed Jewell, Boise City Legal Counsel
Huda Shaltry, Branch Manager
Zac Clarke, Deputy Chief of Staff, Community Programs
Lindsay Erb, Public Works Sr Project Manager (Remote)
Maggie Smith, Senior Budget Analyst
Donna Ford, Information Technology Field Technician
Meredith Turner, Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (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; Nicole Trammel Pantera, Vice President; Evelyn Johnson (Remote); Theresa McLeod.

Absent: Reshma Kamal.

2. Communications

None

3. Minutes-Action Item

a. August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION to approve the August 12, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: McLeod

Second: Pantera

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

4. Consent Agenda-Action Item

a. Payment of Bills and Payroll

b. Financial Reports

MOTION to approve the July bills and payroll, the expenditure/revenue reports for the period ending July 31, 2026 and the gift fund activity report for July 2026.

Motion: Pantera

Second: McLeod

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

5. Reports

a. Friends of the Boise Public Library

A representative from the Friends of the Boise Public Library was unavailable, so no report was presented.

b. Boise Public Library Foundation

Turner reported three Board member resignations and welcomed Andrew Schoppe to the Board of Directors. The Foundation participated in the Boise Comic Arts Festival (BCAF) to increase community awareness. Sales and donation totals from the event are forthcoming. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Library and the Foundation is being reviewed. The Foundation approved its 2027 initiatives and launched a new website.

c. Library Director's Report including Administration and Management

Dorr thanked the Foundation for its continued sponsorship of BCAF, which drew 12,000 attendees and included guest creator school visits with more than 200 students.

Dorr noted September marks one year since the First Floor Renovations Project began. Staff will present a reopening plan to the Board in October.

Dorr highlighted Library Card Sign-Up Month and upcoming events, including Danny Caine's public comment workshop on September 18th and the Boise Writers-in-Residence cumulative event on September 29th.

Dorr also reported that the City is transitioning to eScribe for agenda and minutes management. The Library will begin using the platform in the October meeting with a new, more accessible packet format.

6. Requests for Reconsideration

Trustees considered a request for reconsideration of *Princess Pete* by Zoey Allen. The title was being reconsidered following the passage of the "Children's School and Library Protection Act."

a. *Princess Pete* by Zoey Allen-Action Item

Pisaneschi outlined the Board's role in ensuring the Library's collection meets community needs and determining whether *Princess Pete* aligns with the Library's Collection Development policy. Trustees considered the Director's recommendation to keep the book in the youth collection and thanked staff for their thorough work in responding to the reconsideration request.



MOTION to adopt the Director's recommendation to keep the book in the collection.

Motion: Pantera

Second: McLeod

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

7. Old Business

a. Interim Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Changes -Action Item

Johnson reviewed the interim fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget change (IBC) for the Library's \$198,950 Institute of Museum and Library Services grant supporting teen services and the City's Youth Roadmap. Funding will expand teen engagement, pilot new spaces and programs, and support development of a toolkit and long-term youth wellness plan. Johnson noted strong community interest in the initiative.

MOTION to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Change as presented and forward to Council for consideration.

Motion: Pantera

Second: McLeod

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

b. Interim Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Changes -Action Item

Staff requested the IBC agenda item to be brought back at a later date. No action was taken.

8. New Business

a. Selection of Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2027 -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. Dorr presented two options for the FY27 meeting schedule. Option 1 would resume meeting in the Marion Bingham Room following the completion of the First Floor Renovations Project in 2027. Option 2 would continue rotating meetings quarterly among branch locations in 2027.

MOTION to approve Option 2 Proposed Schedule of Library Board Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2027

Motion: Pantera

Second: Johnson

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

9. Review, Amend, Repeal, or Adopt Bylaws, Policies, and Procedure

Boise Public Library policies were reviewed monthly with the annual review completed at the August 12, 2026 meeting. Library Board Bylaws were updated to comply with new legislation and approved at the June 10, 2026 meeting.

10. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2027

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 for the term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Pantera

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

MOTION to elect Reshma Kamal as Vice President for the term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Motion: Pisaneschi

Second: Pantera

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

11. Selection of Trustee to Review Payment Vouchers

Trustee review for vouchers by Johnson.

12. Selection of Meeting Date

Next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at the Library! at Bown Crossing.

13. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: McLeod

Result: Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 12:20pm.

Approved

Jessica Dorr, Director

Ron Pisaneschi, President

