



# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

## BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024

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, November 13, 2024.

### City Staff and Partners Present

Jessica Dorr, Library Director  
Emily Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sarah Kelley-Chase, Public Services Sr Manager  
Kari Davis, Library Administrative Manager  
Ed Jewell, Boise City Legal Counsel  
Maggie Smith, Boise City Senior Budget Analyst  
Lindsay Erb, Public Works Senior Project Manager  
Meredith Turner, Vice Chair of the Boise Public Library Foundation (Remote)

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:30a.m., and a roll call was conducted.

Present: Rebecca Lemmons, President; Ron Pisaneschi, Vice President (Remote); Reshma Kamal; Nicole Trammel Pantera.

Absent: Brian Klene.

After the agenda was posted, it was discovered that the minutes for approval under Item 3 were listed with an incorrect date. Less than 48 hours before the start time of the meeting, an amended agenda was posted with the correct meeting date for Item 3. Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-204(4)(b) a motion to amend the agenda to update the reference in Item 3 to the meeting of October 9, 2024 was made.

**MOTION** to approve amended agenda to update Item 3 to the meeting of October 9, 2024.

**Motion: Pantera**

**2nd: Pisaneschi**

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

### 2. Communications

None

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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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### 3. Minutes-Action Item

**MOTION** to approve the October 9, 2024 regular/annual meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Pantera

**Second:** Kamal

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

### 4. Consent Agenda-Action Item

#### a. Payment of Bills and Payroll

#### b. Financial Reports

**MOTION** to approve the October bills and payroll, the expenditure/revenue reports for the period ending September 30, 2024, and the gift fund activity report for September 2024.

**Motion:** Pisaneschi

**Second:** Pantera

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

### 5. Reports

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

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

#### b. Boise Public Library Foundation

Turner shared that the Foundation implemented a new donor platform that will make things more efficient, easy, and is less expensive. The group also updated their webpage to be more current and accurate. A fundraising email will go out next week for the \$24 for '24 campaign. The group hasn't fundraised in a few years. Trustees asked about the campaign and how they could help support.

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

Dorr thanked Trustees Lemmons, Pisaneschi, Klene, and Pantera for attending the Library Best In-Service Day Ever. She also thanked Kamal for bringing her family to attend the Boise Book Faire on November 9 at the Library! at Hillcrest. The Book Faire held readings with authors and provided attendees with a holiday guide of favorite reads of 2024.

Dorr highlighted that the December meeting will include the FY24 fiscal year-end report, the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) report and Library Director review. On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> the Library Board will also meet with City Council to discuss the facilities planning work done to date during a joint work session.



## 6. Requests for Reconsideration- Action Item

Trustees considered a request to withdraw a request for reconsideration and written notice for Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe and a request for reconsideration for The Children's Illustrated Bible: Stories Retold by Selina Hastings. These two requests were being considered following the passage of the "Children's School and Library Protection Act" which was strongly opposed by the Library Board. Board President Lemmons set the stage for a civil and respectful discussion and reminded the Board of their role in the reconsideration process.

### a. Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe

Trustees considered the withdrawal of the request for reconsideration by the requester as outlined in the recommendation by the Director. Trustees noted that policy does not have a procedure for a withdrawal. It was noted that the individual did not note that the item was obtained by a minor. It was also noted that request for reconsideration documents are public documents and will be published to the website with only redactions required by law, which are limited. Trustees decided to consider changes to the policy at the next review of the request for reconsideration policy as part of the Board's annual review of Library policy.

**MOTION** to adopt the Director's recommendation to grant the withdrawal of the Notice and direct staff to remove the case file and all related documents from the website and denote on the website the Notice was withdrawn at the request of the complainant and approved by the Board.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Kamal

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

### b. The Children's Illustrated Bible: Stories Retold by Selina Hastings

Trustees considered the request for reconsideration to limit access of this title for those under the age of 18. It was noticed the complainant did not check the box that this is written notice under the "Children's School and Library Protection Act." While the title is located in the children's section, the request didn't state the item was obtained by a minor. Trustees discussed keeping the item in its current location and agreed with the Director's recommendation. Also discussed was reviewing the item and the sections mentioned in the request in context with the entire work.

**MOTION** to adopt the Director's recommendation which is to reject the request to relocate the book.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Kamal

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



## 7. Old Business

### a. Boise Public Library Policy Review

#### Section 1.00, Board of Trustees- Action Item

Kelley-Chase brought back policy 1.00 of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual. Trustees suggested changes in October to section 1.01 and 1.02, staff considered the changes and incorporated them into a revised version of the policy.

**MOTION** to approve policy 1.00 as revised.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Kamal

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

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

### b. Capital Project Update

Johnson and Erb, provided an update to projects at the Downtown Library. Completed projects include installation of the auto sorter, fire pump replacement, roof replacement, parking lot patching and repair, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> floor public restroom upgrades in the North tower, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor tenant improvements, and egress stair railing upgrades. Investments to date total 5.86 million to address ADA compliance and deferred maintenance items. Upcoming work includes 1<sup>st</sup> floor tenant improvements and additional deferred maintenance items.

Trustees asked questions about the work being done around the downtown location. A suggestion to provide the public with information so they are aware of what's going on around the downtown location was made. Staff shared that materials from the entities doing work around the downtown location are available for library visitors but will look into providing information in other formats.

## 8. New Business

### a. Library Fiscal Year 2024 Rebudget Requests- Action Item

Emily Johnson presented the defining projects that the rebudgets would affect for fiscal year 2025 and explained that rebudget requests are standard across city departments. Johnson also provided clarification on categories within the requested list.

Trustees asked a question about the Strategic Planning funds budget. The total amount budgeted over time includes the strategic plan and the facilities plan. Timing of payments was also discussed.



**MOTION** to approve the 2024 rebudget list as recommended and forward to Council for consideration.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Kamal

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

**b. Library 2025 Closure Calendar- Action Item**

**MOTION** to approve the recommended closures and reduced hours for calendar year 2025 with the adjustment of December 31<sup>st</sup> as New Year's Eve.

**Motion:** Pantera

**2nd:** Kamal

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

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

Lemmons was selected to be the Trustee to review vouchers.

**10. Selection of Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting is December 11, 2024.

**11. Adjourn**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Pisaneschi

**Second:** Pantera

**Result:** Motion carried

The meeting ended at 12:28 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Jessica Dorr, Director

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Rebecca Lemmons, President

