

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 12, 2025**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Carmen Bross, Greg Hockemeyer, Chris Bechtold, Joel Frank, Angela Bauer and Director Michael Ashby.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Carmen Bross.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular February Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Chris Bechtold.
Seconded by Angela Bauer. Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mike requested the library close for the full day on September 12 for an LSC Regional staff training day to be hosted at Peabody. There will be staff from 19 public libraries from the area in attendance.

**A motion to approve the closing was made by
Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Joel Frank.
Motion carried.**

Completion of the Annual Report indicates the non-resident card fee will need to increase from \$85.00 to at least \$91.14 per state statute.

**A motion was made by Greg Hockemeyer to
increase the non-resident fee to \$95.00. Seconded
by Joel Frank. Motion carried.**

Mike received a quote from Culligan for \$7537.00 for replacement of the water softener. It was agreed he should move forward with the replacement.

Mike shared some of the highlights from the Annual Report.

The Solar project was discussed and it was agreed that Mike would reach out to DEKKO and EBSCO for possible grants.

Mike shared that Maddy Grable, Head of Circulation, will be leaving the library. Her position will not be replaced and Mike will be taking on more direct supervision of the circulation department.

CLAIMS

There were a few questions/clarifications on some of the monthly claims.

A motion to approve the March claims was made by Chris Bechtold. Seconded by Angela Bauer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Hockemeyer acknowledged a complaint had been received and is being addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Bauer. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Hockemeyer, Secretary Pro-Tem