

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 14, 2025**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular April Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Angela Bauer.  
Seconded by Spencer Mize. Motion carried.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There is a tree located near the parking lot that is showing signs of splitting and there is concern it could fall on a vehicle or individual. Hodges Property Management has provided a quote to remove the tree and possibly replace with a different tree.

**A motion to remove the tree and not replace at this  
time was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by  
Joel Frank. Motion carried.**

Mike shared statistics and information regarding Hoopla and is recommending the library reduce the number of monthly borrows each user is allowed. The Board agreed and left the reduction of borrows to Mike's discretion.

Mike shared information on how SB 1 and the State Library's loss of Federal grant money could possibly affect expenditures on databases and library services. Subscriptions for Comics Plus and Mango are being discontinued due to usage numbers not justifying the expenses.

The 2025 budget includes funds for furniture, equipment and computer refresh. The Board agrees that these purchases should move forward since they are already budgeted.

Mike attended a screening and participated in a panel discussion of a new documentary called *Free for All: The Public Library* at Allen County Public Library.

Our annual application for eRate to subsidize internet services has been approved.

Mike gave updates on the solar project. He has met with DEKKO and has also completed the grant Application for the EBSCO solar program.

### **CLAIMS**

**A motion to approve the May claims was made by Angela Bauer. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Parker. Seconded by Angela Bauer. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parker, Secretary