

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 11, 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,
Chris Bechtold and Director Michael Ashby.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular May Board meeting were approved.

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

Minutes of the May Executive Session meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Greg Hockemeyer.
Seconded by Mark Parker. Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Several staff attended the ILF conference at the Allen County Public Library in May.

Mike will begin the process of creating the 3 year Strategic Plan in the next few weeks as the current plan expires at the end of 2025. The staff and Board members Spencer Mize and Joel Frank will be involved in the process.

Mike and Linda attended the annual Budget Workshop presented by DLGF and SBOA.

Mike attended an informational meeting at the Community Foundation on addressing mental health concerns in Whitley County.

Mike shared some of the comments from the comment cards he receives from patrons.

The server for the security cameras recently had to be replaced.

CLAIMS

There was discussion regarding the NIPSCO bill due to the large increase on our monthly bills. A suggestion was made for a NIPSCO representative to come to the board meeting and explain the billing charge increases.

A motion to approve the June claims was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Spencer Mize. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Angela received a few complaints on staff attire at the First Friday event.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Joel Frank. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parker, Secretary