

JANUARY 14, 2026 MINUTES OF THE **BOARD OF FINANCE** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY (EPL).

The Board of Trustees of the Eckhart Public Library met for the annual Board of Finance meeting at the William H. Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 South Jackson Street, Auburn, IN. The media and public received proper notice, pursuant to I.C. § 5-14-1.5-5.

President Barbara Morrow presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees present by roll call were: Connie Fullerton, Pete Kempf, Amy Norton, Barbara Morrow, William Schaab, and Nora Schwartz.

Absent: David Brown.

Also present: Executive Director Valerie Simmons, Business Operations & Finance Manager Martha Rubrake, Technical Services & Finance Specialist Rebecca Mann, and Administrative Specialist Sherri Sible.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Angela Mapes Turner, Steve Graber

NEW BUSINESS

Reviewed and approved the annual investment report of the EPL Board of Finance as presented by Treasurer Schaab.

Treasurer Schaab moved to approve the EPL Board of Finance as presented and distributed by Treasurer Schaab. Board Member Kempf provided the second.

The motion to approve the annual investment report as presented carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-X ; Fullerton-aye; Kempf-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye .

Executive Director Simmons reported that the total spendable balance available from the combined five endowments managed by Community Foundation DeKalb County as of September, 2025 was \$19,358.69. 4th Quarter reports were not yet available.

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Election of President and Secretary of the EPL Board of Finance for 2026.

Board Member Norton moved to elect William Schaab as President and Connie Fullerton as Secretary of the EPL Board of Finance. Board Member Schwartz provided the second.

The motion to elect William Schaab as President and Connie Fullerton as Secretary carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown- X ; Fullerton-aye; Kempf-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, **Board Member Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting.** Board Member Norton provided the second.

The motion to adjourn carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown X; Fullerton-aye; Kempf-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

Approved by the EPL Board of Trustees

Barbara O. Morrow

Barbara O. Morrow, President

ATTEST: Connie Fullerton

Connie Fullerton, Secretary