AUGUST 12, 2026 **REGULAR MEETING** MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY (EPL).

The Board of Trustees of the Eckhart Public Library met on August 12, 2026 at 6:15pm 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 6:15pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Member Schwartz moved to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026 meeting. Board Member Norton provided the second.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Schaab moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Board Member Schwartz provided the second.

The motion to approve the financial reports as presented carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye .

VOUCHERS AUTHORIZATION

Presented vouchers from July 9, 2026 through August 12, 2026 in the amount of $235,481.42.

Board Member Schwartz moved to authorize the vouchers as presented. Treasurer Schaab provided the second.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The EPL Management Team is planning a staff day on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The library will be closed to the public this day for the Fair.

Smock Fansler was on site Monday and Tuesday of this week to complete the necessary repairs and maintenance of the fountain.

The library underwent a Statutory Compliance Engagement, with the auditor on site Wednesday, August 5, 2026. The results of the compliance engagement will be sent via email to all Board members for review.

The Eckhart Library Foundation leadership is working with the Friends and the library in drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to meet updated State Board of Accounts guidelines for handling restricted and unrestricted gift funds.

Budget update reminders:

- Valerie presented at the City Council meeting on August 4 at 6:00 PM
- Budget Adoption will be at the September 9, 2026 meeting.
    - Note that a quorum will be necessary for budget adoption.

Personnel:

Two staff members are on an Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence.

Gifts and Grants:

A donation was received from Tri Kappa Sorority to EPL for the Kathy Woodcox Memorial Fund. This is a longstanding donation from the Sorority in memory of Kathy.

A donation of $7,000 was received from the Eckhart Library Foundation (ELF) for the outdoor reading nook.

A donation of $25,000 was received from the Eckhart Library Foundation for the general upkeep and maintenance needs of the library campus and staff professional development.

COMMUNICATIONS and CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Brown read a written report on the latest news from the Eckhart Library Foundation.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees for the public adoption for the 2027 Proposed Budget will be held September 9, 2026 at 6pm at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 S. Jackson Street, Auburn, IN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 9, 2026 at 6:15pm at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 S. Jackson Street, Auburn, IN.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, **Treasurer Schaab moved to adjourn the meeting**. Vice President Brown provided the second.

The motion to adjourn carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-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