

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 4:30 P.M.
1312 EASTERN BOULEVARD, CLARKSVILLE, IN 47129**

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS; PUBLIC COMMENTS

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Linda Baker, President

Board Members Present: Hilda Kendrick-Appiah, Vice President; Mark Munzer, Secretary; Dale Moss, Treasurer; Jim Grahn, Lynn Wilson

Board Members Absent: Vicki Carmichael

Staff Members Present: David Seckman, Barbara Gillenwater, Bethany Daily, Nolan Brewer, Monica Mitchell

Guests: Amanda Hunsucker, TowerPinkster; Ross Burgan, TowerPinkster; Dave Thomas, JTPL Foundation; Kelsie Jacob, Melissa Fry; Indiana University Southeast

Public Comments: None

Baker asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Kendrick-Appiah moved: To approve the agenda as amended.
Seconded by: Wilson
Motion: Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of January 20, 2026, Board of Trustees Minutes

Approval of Claims through January 31, 2026

Financial Report

Munzer moved: To approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by: Wilson
Motion: Approved

Seckman presented for payment invoices that were not included in the consent agenda:

- \$2,142.50 to TowerPinkster
- \$528.92 to Playaway Products
- \$62.99 to Playaway Products
- \$62.99 to Playaway Products
- \$69.99 to Playaway Products

Wilson moved: To approve paying the invoices.
Seconded by: Kendrick-Appiah
Motion: Approved

Seckman requested the board's approval to surplus eight stools.

Munzer moved: To approve the surplus request.
Seconded by: Wilson
Motion: Approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Article 8 of the JTPL Board Bylaws and Governance states, "Officers will be elected through a rotation procedure at the annual meeting.

The rotation order will be as follows:

- The President moves to the bottom of the member list.
- The Vice-President moves to President.
- The Secretary moves to Vice-President.
- The Treasurer is encouraged to serve three years and then moves up to Secretary.
- Board Member 1 moves to either the Treasurer or Secretary position, depending on which is available.
- Board Members 2 and 3 will move up the list accordingly."

As a result of this policy, Kendrick-Appiah will serve as President, Munzer will be Vice President, Moss will serve as Treasurer, Carmichael will serve as Secretary, Board Member 1 is Wilson, Board Member 2 is Grahn, and Board Member 3 is Baker.

Wilson moved: To accept the slate of officers.
Seconded by: Moss
Motion: Approved

STAFF ASSOCIATION

Mitchell reported that the Staff Association distributed candy to staff for Valentine's Day. The association is recruiting new members and collecting dues.

OLD BUSINESS

Bond/Construction Update

Hunsucker reported that TowerPinkster has met with Parco Constructors Group to discuss ways to reduce the scope of the construction project. So far, the project cost has been reduced from Parco's original bid of about \$3.7 million to about \$2.9 million; Hunsucker said that it needs to be reduced to \$2.7 million in order to be within budget. TowerPinkster will continue working with Parco to further reduce the scope.

Hunsucker asked if the board would need to approve final scope reduction, or if TowerPinkster would be able to award the contract without board approval. The board agreed that TowerPinkster could award the contract without a special board meeting. Hunsucker said TowerPinkster would provide a final scope of the project to the board once the contract has been awarded.

Long-Range Strategic Plan

Fry, a public and applied sociologist at IUS, is assisting the library with drafting its next strategic plan, which will cover 2027-2031. She outlined some statistics and demographic information about

Jeffersonville Township and how it is projected to grow in the coming years and how the library might respond to these changes. She asked board members and staff to share ideas about what they would like to see the library do and be in the next five years.

NEW BUSINESS

Job Description: Temporary Clerical Assistant

Seckman stated that this position would be the same as a standard clerical assistant but would only be for three to six months to cover for staff members out on medical leave.

Kendrick-Appiah moved: To approve the job description.
Seconded by: Wilson
Motion: Approved

Thunder Over Louisville

Seckman explained that the library board has typically approved staff use of the terrace for Thunder Over Louisville on a year-by-year basis. He asked if instead, the board could approve this use in perpetuity. Baker suggested writing a policy to allow for this usage, but that in the meantime, the terrace could be used by staff in 2026.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Thomas presented. The Foundation has identified three sustaining donors who have pledged to give a set amount of money each month. The Foundation will reduce the number of small fundraisers it hosts in favor of focusing on a few large events.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Seckman presented a visual report comparing library statistics from January 2025 to January 2026.
- There was a small fire in the Clarksville library's breakroom on February 14 as a staff member was preparing for a candle-making program. The staff member sustained minor burns and the breakroom will need minor repairs.
- The library is changing its fire/burglar alarm vendor.
- Seckman is continuing to advocate against Indiana's SB 8, which would dramatically change the way public libraries are funded.

OTHER BUSINESS; BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Grahn shared about recent documentary *The Librarians* and its impact.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Clarksville location. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.