

**Wabash Carnegie Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:30PM

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Community Room
188 W. Hill St.
Wabash, IN 46992

Call to Order

Bill Benysh called the regular meeting of the WCPL Board of Trustees to order at 5:30pm. This meeting was held at Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 188 W. Hill St, Wabash, IN 46992. Notice of the meeting was posted according to statute.

Members present were Bill Benysh, Rhonda Hipskind, Jim Widner, Mary Jo McClelland, Jeff Knee, Susan Baker, and Charles Miller. Executive Director Debra Greenacre and Cathy Wright were also in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda was presented and approved.

Motion: Miller

Second: Knee

Motion Carried

Presidents Report

Nothing to share

Vice President, Rhonda Hipskind shared that Charles Miller and herself attended the Building Contractors Association of Northeast Awards Banquet. Hamilton Hunter Builders and MKM architecture and design received an award for the library renovation and addition project.

Committee Report

Mary Jo McClelland shared with the Board that Adam Hall with Parks and Recreation said he would remove the story walk post that is in front of the library if we want. Discussion followed that we may want to keep the post to display library information.

Friends of the Library Report

Cathy Wright shared with the Board that the Friends of the Library are having their first book sale on June 5th, 2:30pm-6:30pm and June 6th, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Old Business

1. Approval of Strategic Plan. Debra shared that she added the technology portion to the plan, and it was reviewed by the Indiana State Library, and it meets all requirements outlined in the Administrative Code.

Motion: Hipkind

Second: McClelland

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Internet and Computer Use Policy. Charles Miller suggested that the word may used in the second paragraph be changed to will. The policy was approved with those revisions.

Motion: McClelland

Second: Hipkind

Motion Carried

3. Landscape Discussion. Debra asked what the plans were for the maintenance of the landscape. The Board discussed the need for a maintenance plan and to plan a meeting with Amy Ford. Debra will reach out to Amy Ford to set up a meeting.
4. New Board Member Discussion. The Board discussed community members who might be interested in being on the Library Board.

New Business

1. 2025 Indiana State Library Annual Report. Debra shared the report with the Board.

Manager's Reports and Director's Reports were shared.

April 27 was a great day for me! I received news from the Indiana State Library that the Strategic Plan meets all the requirements outlined in the Administrative Code. We had the Audit Exit Conference, and I submitted the Indiana Public Library Annual Report. I have started working on our 1st year plan (goals for this year) from the Strategic Plan and plan to meet with the Managers to discuss our goals for this year. I have also started rewriting job descriptions. New patrons can now get a card in the Youth Services Department or the Adult Services Department. Summer Reading Program Launch Party is June 5th 2:30pm-4:30pm. Sarah Smith has given her two-week notice.

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Benysh at 6:09 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Debra Greenacre, Executive Director

Next meeting Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 5:30pm

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes for May 19, 2026, were presented and approved by the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2026.

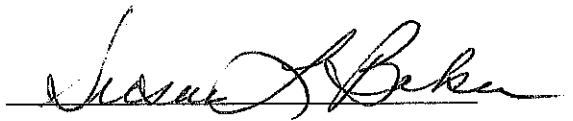

Jeff Miller

Jan L. Kinner

Susan A. Baker

Rhonda Hyskind

ATTEST



Susan Baker, Secretary