

# **Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees**

Meeting of Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Wabash Carnegie Public Library  
188 W Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 in regular session at 5:30 PM. This meeting was held at the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 188 W. Hill Street, Wabash, IN, 46992. Notice was posted of these meetings pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 5- 14-1.5-5(a)(b). Members present were Bill Benysh, presiding; Rhonda Hipkind, Jeff Knee, Charles Miller, Jim Widner and Susan Baker. Mary Jo McClelland was absent with notice. Executive Director Jon Gaskill was also present.

## **CALL TO ORDER-**

Bill Benysh called the board of trustees meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

## **CONSENSUS AGENDA**

The consensus agenda was presented, a few minor changes were made to June 2025 meeting minutes.

**Action:** Charles Miller moved and Jeff Knee seconded. Motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bill Benysh mentioned comments/requests from staff for photographs of trustees so staff can get to know them better.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no committee report at this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Minor update to Circulation Policy re: WiFi Hotspots (previously approved 5/23/2025)

Two minor changes were requested- to replace the 14 day circulation period for WiFi Hotspots (changed inadvertently to 7 days) and to remove the column "Max Fines". **Action:** Rhonda Hipkind moved and Susan Baker seconded the motion to approve the minor changes. Motion carried.

### Request to contract for people counters

After due diligence and research by the director regarding people counters, the board approved selection of Facility Sight for people counters in the library- seven in total, one at each entrance and five throughout the library building to track how the library space is used and how often, by how many people. **Action:** Rhonda Hipkind moved and Jeff Knee seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

### Request to renew Novelist Plus & Novelist K-8 Plus (EBSCO)

The library will continue to track usage of electronic database statistics as well as use, and promote use of resources to staff and patrons. **Action:** Rhonda Hipkind moved and Jim Widner seconded the motion to continue using the EBSCO product for another year. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Request to contract Schlemmer Brothers for railing at receiving bay

The alley entrance on the north side of the library building is missing a railing after moving the old book drop. **Action:** Susan Baker moved to proceed with the quote from Schlemmer Brothers, seconded by Jim Widner. Motion carried.

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## Resolution for Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access 2026-2027

The timeline for E-Rate year 29 runs July 1, 2026 through June 20, 2027 and provides a discount for internet connectivity for public libraries in Indiana. WCPL has joined this consortium every year this has been offered. **Action:** Jeff Knee moved to join the ISL Consortium for Public Library Internet Access 2026-2027 and Susan Baker seconded. Motion carried.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Gaskill shared highlights from the Director's Report submitted via email on Friday, July 11, 2025. WCPL was in the Wabash County News Journal on ~~July~~ <sup>July</sup> 9, 2025 for its donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jim Widner shared an article from the Fort Wayne ~~News~~ <sup>Gazette</sup> Journal regarding Allen County Public Library's hiring of a permanent social worker. Susan Baker shared a back-to-school "School Rocks Backpack Giveaway event held at the Verizon Wireless store at Wabash Crossing 1465 N Cass Street in Wabash on Sunday, July 27th. She noted it might be a bit late to participate this year, but the library should look into participating in coming years.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

*Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2025*

Presented to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, read in full and adopted on August 19, 2025.

Wm Bengel

Rhonda Hipskind

Susan A. Baker

Jeff Knee

James T. Widner

Chris Miller

Mary Jo Trevelyan

ATTEST

Susan A. Baker

Secretary, Library Board of Trustees