

**INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2025**

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board met in person at the Franklin Road Branch Library, 5550 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

1. Call To Order

President Biederman called the meeting to order. Dr. Payne acted as Secretary.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Biederman, Dr. Murtadha, Dr. Palacio, Dr. Payne, Dr. Riolo and Dr. White.

Members absent: Ms. Tribble.

The Chair recognized a quorum.

Mr. Biederman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized the strength and resilience of the Library and the staff that work to bring the mission, vision and values of the Library to life, while noting that our resources educate and upskill the community. As always, the Indianapolis Public Library remains committed to advancing our strategic goals and continuing our legacy of service in an ever-changing landscape. He then reminded everyone about the upcoming reopening celebration at the Nora Branch on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Mr. Biederman also thanked the Franklin Road staff for hosting tonight's meeting.

3. Branch Manager's Report

a. Franklin Road Branch Report

Ms. Jill Wetnight, Manager, Franklin Road Branch Library, provided the following information:

- The original Wanamaker Library opened on April 14, 1969. To meet the growing needs of the patrons in the area, the Wanamaker Branch was replaced with a 17,000 square foot building which opened as the new Franklin Road Branch on February 6, 2000.
- In 2024, Franklin Road had 183,233 total active cardholders and 90,972 patron visits. They hosted 173 programs with 8,112 attendees.

- The branch gifted 1,748 books as prizes during last year's Summer Reading Program.
- The Franklin Road staff completed Dementia Friendly Business Training to learn the basics of dementia and how to create an environment that supports those living with dementia.
- Franklin Road celebrated its 25th anniversary on February 22, 2025.

4. **Public Comment**

- a. **Public Comment** (Name and summary of comments follows)

There were no petitions to come before the Board.

5. **Approval Of Minutes: Executive Session, Regular and Special Meetings**

- a. **Regular Meeting, March 24, 2025**

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 24, 2025, were approved on the motion of Dr. White, seconded by Dr. Murtadha, and the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **Finance Committee (Dr. Eugene G. White, Chair; Dr. Khaula Murtadha, Ms. Hope C. Tribble)**

- a. **Report of the Treasurer**

Ms. Lolita Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Mary Rankin, Treasurer, presented the Report of the Treasurer which noted that as of March 31, 2025, the year-to-date revenue was \$1,799,767 and the year-to-date expenditures were \$13,875,778.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved for filing for audit on the motion of Dr. White, seconded by Dr. Payne, and the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

At this time, Ms. Gwendolyn Simmons, Procurement and Supplier Development Manager, discussed the Library's diverse vendor spending. The annual goal is 27% for diverse vendor spending. For the first quarter of 2025, the Library is at 25.7%

for a total spend and 22.3% for the XBE spend. Ms. Simmons commented that when the capital projects pick up, we should be on track for our 27% goal.

7. Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee (Dr. Luis A. Palacio, Chair; Dr. Patricia A. Payne, Dr. Eugene G. White)

- a. **Resolution 16 – 2025** (Review and Update of Library Policies as Identified and Described in the Attachment Hereto)

Ms. Tisha Galarce, Chief Talent and Development Officer, advised that the Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee recommended approving the Review and Update of Library Policies as Identified and Described in the Attachment Hereto.

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 16 – 2025, it was noted this resolution received a favorable recommendation from the Diversity, Policy and Human Committee. Dr. Lisa Riolo seconded the recommendation. The resolution was approved on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

8. Facilities Committee (Dr. Lisa Riolo, Chair; Dr. Patricia A. Payne, Dr. Eugene G. White)

- a. **Resolution 17 – 2025** (Approval to Award a Purchase Order for the IT and Outreach Vehicles Project)

Mr. Adam Parsons, Chief Operational Services Officer, advised that the Facilities Committee recommended the Approval to Award a Purchase Order for the IT and Outreach Vehicles Project to Heritage Ford of Indiana, Inc. of Corydon, Indiana for a total cost of \$61,400.

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 17 – 2025, it was noted this resolution received a favorable recommendation from the Facilities Committee. Dr. Murtadha seconded the recommendation. The resolution was approved on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

- b. **Resolution 18– 2025** (Approval to Award a Construction Services Contract for the Central Library Escalator Handrail Replacement Project)

Mr. Parsons advised that the Facilities Committee recommended the Approval to Award a Construction Services Contract for the Central Library Escalator Handrail Replacement Project to Schindler Elevator Corporation of Indianapolis, Indiana for a total cost of \$74,900.

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 18 – 2025, it was noted this resolution received a favorable recommendation from the Facilities Committee. Dr. Murtadha seconded the recommendation. The resolution was approved on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

c. **Resolution 19 – 2025** (Approval of a Naming Opportunity for the Nora Branch Children’s Play Area)

Mr. Parsons noted that the Facilities Committee recommended the Approval of a Naming Opportunity for the Nora Branch Children’s Play Area.

Ms. Roberta Jagers, President, Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, advised that Ms. Diane (“Dee”) Cramsie, a longtime Foundation donor, pledged a gift to name the Play Area at the Nora Branch the “Cramsie Children’s Corner.” The Nora Branch was the home branch for the Cramsie family during her children’s formative years and remains her home branch today.

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 19 – 2025, it was noted this resolution received a favorable recommendation from the Facilities Committee. Dr. Payne seconded the recommendation. The resolution was approved on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

9. **Library Foundation Update**

Dr. Lisa Riolo reviewed the Foundation’s Update as follows:

News

Circulate: Night at the Library tickets are on sale now! Please join us for our annual fundraiser on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Central Library. You can purchase tickets here:

<https://onecau.se/circulate2025>

The Foundation looks forward to scheduling an orientation session with the Library Trustees to share information about our fundraising practices and how you get involved.

The Foundation is in the process of finalizing its public-facing Strategic Plan. Information was shared about some of the key pieces, including: Vision, Mission and Goals.

Donors

Major Donors last month: Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, Citizens Energy Group, Forvis Mazars, The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund, Luminaut, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Office of the Lawrence Township Trustee Steve Talley, Wallington Asset Management, LLC and Woodley Farra Manion Portfolio Management, Inc.

Program Support

This month the Foundation provided \$180,000 to the Library for: 2025 Summer Reading Program, CBLC's 8th Annual Juneteenth Bookfest Celebration and Latin Culture Committee Outreach Initiative.

10. Report of the CEO

a. Confirming Resolutions

1) Resolution Regarding Finances, Personnel and Travel (20 – 2025)

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 20 – 2025, the resolution was approved on the motion of Dr. White, which was seconded by Dr. Payne, and the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biederman – Aye	Dr. Payne – Aye
Dr. Murtadha – Aye	Dr. Riolo – Aye
Dr. Palacio – Aye	Dr. White – Aye

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

b. Report of the CEO – March 2025

Mr. Gregory Hill, the Library's CEO, discussed information contained in his Report which included the following:

- That on a typical day at IndyPL in March, 2025, 93 new cardholders joined the Library community, patrons checked out 13,820 items across the 25 IndyPL locations. On any given day, about 6,845 patrons visited us across all locations.
- A video was shown about the Pike Branch Grand Opening. There were 1,072 checkouts on opening day and 5,828 patrons visited between opening day and April 26, 2025.
- Some of the popular programs across all locations in March were: Chair Aerobics at Southport, Garfield Park's Children's Storytime at IPS 39, Michigan Road Storytime, Central Library's Non-Profit Series and the McFadden Lecture.

c. **Quarterly Statistical Report on Library Operations – Quarter 1 – 2025**

Ms. Marianne McKenzie, Strategic Planning and Assessment Officer, discussed the Report. She shared the following statistics:

- Circulation of all physical items for IndyPL and Shared System locations, including renewals, saw a 2.68% decrease over the same quarter in 2024, with 7.7 items borrowed per active borrower this quarter.
- Usage of Databases, Online Learning Platforms, and Other Digital Platforms saw a 17% increase over Q1 2024 and a 32% increase over the previous quarter.
- Electronic Circulation e-Books, e-Audiobooks, e-Videos, e-Magazines saw a 3% increase over Q1 2024.
- 54% of total cardholders are active borrowers.
- There were 2,019,201 website visits in Q1 2025.
- 574,886 branch visits in Q1 2025.
- The Library had a 28% increase in reported interactions, such as assisting patrons at the branches with printing, copying and fax assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. None.

NEW BUSINESS

12. None.

DISCUSSION AND AGENDA BUILDING

13. **Future Agenda Items** – This time is made available for discussion of items not on the Agenda which are of interest to the Library Board members and the opportunity to suggest items to be included on future Library Board Meeting Agendas.

- There were no items suggested.

14. **Notice of Special Meetings**

None.

15. **Notice of Next Regular Meeting**

Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Nora Branch Library, 8625 Guilford Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

16. Adjournment

The Secretary announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

The Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

INFORMATION**17. Materials**

- a. **Notes of April 15, 2025 Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee Meeting.**
- b. **Notes of April 15, 2025 Facilities Committee Meeting.**

18. Board Meeting Schedule for 2025 (Notice of Date and Place of Meeting) and Upcoming Events

- a. **Board Meeting Schedule** for 2025 will be updated as necessary.
- b. **Library Programs/Free Upcoming Events** may be found at [attend.indypl.org](https://www.indypl.org/attend).

The April 28, 2025 Indianapolis Public Library Board Meeting is available to view at:

<https://www.indypl.org/about-the-library/board-meeting-times-committees>

Dr. Patrica A. Payne, Secretary to the Board