

**Independence Public Library Board Meeting**  
**May 18, 2026 – 5:00 pm**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

Board Members Present: Diana Lindskog, Kevin Hamlin, Tristin Thomas, Bradley Karkanen, Vickie McCubbin, Nathan Christensen, Margie Johnson, Bill Boisvert (City Council Liaison), Patrick Bodily (Library Director).

Minutes from the April 27, 2026 Library Board meeting were read and approved. Motion by Bradley Karkanen, second by Kevin Hamlin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

**Library Director Report:**

- Patrick provided an update on the passing of the budget through the Budget Committee. It is scheduled to go in front of the City Council for final approval on June 9.
- The automatic door has been repaired.
- Patrick provided an overview of programming attendance, circulation, and computer usage over the past few weeks. He highlighted a future partnership with the library and the Polk Marion Early Learning Hub to provide a music-to-literacy Early Learning Program.
- He also discussed the final preparations for Summer Reading, including installation of the StoryWalk at Inspiration Garden.

**Committee Report – Friends of the Library**

- Bradley reported on recent donations and the amount sold on eBay for the Library.
- The Friends are in discussions to bring back the annual fundraiser at the Independence Cinema.

**Committee Report – Advocacy and Promotion Committee**

- The Advocacy and Promotion Committee is waiting to meet until after the budget season is concluded but plans on meeting again after Summer Reading begins.

**Board Business**

- Internet Hotspot Policy Update. Patrick is still waiting to hear back from the city attorney regarding their recommendations surrounding the policy.
- Board Training – Twelve Golden Rules for Library Board Members. The board went over the Twelve Golden Rules for Library Board Members created by United for Libraries. They went over each of the points, and then discussed each of them in turn. It was decided that the Library Board will take the time at the June Meeting to go over next year's budget to familiarize themselves with it. Patrick will also come with a resource list for the members to increase their knowledge and understanding of library trends, as discussed in point 11.

New Business

- The Library Board briefly discussed filling the upcoming vacancies on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

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