

Independence Public Library Board Meeting
March 23, 2026 – 5:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes

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

Minutes from the February 23, 2026 Library Board meeting were read and approved. Motion by Bradley Karkanen, second by Nathan Christensen. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick gave an update on the items sold as Government Surplus and the new kids chairs purchased for the library. He also discussed repairs for the Accessible Door on the South of the building and a need to replace the low-voltage cabling in the library.
- Patrick provided the statistics on programming and circulation for the month of February.
- He provided a handout from the Fiero Code database showing the ROI for database use so far this year.
- Patrick reminded the library board of upcoming library programs.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library

- Bradley gave an updated amount of Friends sales over eBay.
- The Friends hosted a fundraising event at the Heritage Museum on Saturday, February 28. There was great turnout and new memberships were sold.
- The Friends will be changing opening hours for the Bookstore in the coming weeks due to volunteer availability.

Committee Report – Advocacy and Promotion Committee

- Nathan provided samples of the handouts that will be available for people in preparation for providing public comment at city meetings.
- Their next meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 5 pm at the library.
- The Committee is focusing on soliciting Public Comments for the first meeting for the City's Budget Committee this year. They are working on a handout that provides a primer for those who are interested in providing comment.

Board Business

- Patrick and Myra Russell, the City Recorder, gave a brief training and review of Public Records and Public Meeting laws, particularly how they applied to the Library Board.

New Business

- Patrick will come up with a policy review schedule in preparation for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.