

Elbert County Library District (dba Pines & Plains Libraries)
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by President Patty Lampman.
2. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum:
Board Members Present: Karen Suchan, Patty Lampman, Robert Thomasson, and Alan Krenek. Staff members present: Ruben Figueroa, Laurie VanCourt, and Kathy Wilkinson.
3. Acceptance of Agenda: A motion was made by Robert Thomasson and seconded by Alan Krenek to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor.
4. Discuss Library Services Operation:

Motion 22-02-01: A comprehensive discussion was held regarding the status of Elbert County Covid 19/Omicron positivity numbers which have bearing upon the re-opening of library services. The county public health department reflects a fall in positivity numbers currently with a 2 week average positivity rate of 12.97% and a 1 week average positivity rate of 10.2%. Our previous metric for reopening was to see a decrease to at least 16% or less. **Therefore, a motion was made by Robert Thomasson and seconded by Alan Krenek to enact the following**: The library branches will re-open with full services with these requirements: masks for employees; recommended masks for patrons; open large meeting room limited to 10 people or less with no or optional masks and social distancing and if 10-15 people masks required with social distancing; small study room limited to 2 people with masks and distancing.

If an employee becomes sick a Covid test shall be performed. Should the employee be Covid positive they should follow CDC guidelines for quarantine procedure. A negative PCR test will be required to determine eligibility for return to work. The branches will provide the appropriate information for a re-opening on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 and all managers agree. **All in favor.**

5. Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by Robert Thomasson and seconded by Alan Krenek to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:57 p.m. All in favor.

Next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on February 23, 2022 at 6 p.m. venue will be Go-To-Meeting unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Suchan, Secretary

1 Attachment: Resolution 22-02-01: Re-opening of Library Services Due to Decrease in COVID positivity

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Re-opening of Library Services Due to Decrease in COVID Positivity - 22-02-01

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WHEREAS it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Library Board of Trustees to be aware of COVID positivity in Elbert County and ensure the safety of library personnel and patrons as good stewards of community, the branches of Pines & Plains Libraries will re-open services with several caveats to offer protection against virus spread. The specifics for opening up Library services is as follows:

1. Masks for employees are required.
2. Masks for patrons are recommended. Signage posted on the front doors.
3. Large meeting room:
 - a. 10 people or less - Masks optional with social distancing required
 - b. >10-15 people - Masks required with social distancing
4. Small study room will be limited to 2 people with masks and social distancing.

If an employee becomes sick and has COVID symptoms as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), a COVID test shall be performed to return to work. Should the employee be COVID positive they should follow CDC guidelines for quarantine procedure. A negative PCR test will be required to determine eligibility for return to work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees approves the motion to provide Pines & Plains Library services as defined above, effective February 16, 2022.

Approved this 15th day of February, 2022 by the Pines & Plains Library Board of Trustees.

By: _____
Patty Lampman, Board President

By: _____
Karen Suchan, Board Secretary