

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries  
Board of Trustees Study Session Minutes  
August 14, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Pines & Plains Libraries met for a study session at the Elizabeth Branch.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by RuthAnn Stricker.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum: Board Members present: RuthAnn Stricker, Alan Krenek, Alessandra Navetta, and Maral Heggemeier.  
Staff Present: Director Susan Byrne, Elizabeth Branch Manager Sarah Coleman, Elizabeth Lead Reagan Adams, Kiowa Branch Manager Kimberley Miller, Kiowa Lead Susan Austgen, Simla Branch Manager Kathy Wilkinson, Simla Lead Del Hedges, Simla ASG Kamber Watts, and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson.  
Guest: CLiC Consultant Chelsea Coleman.
3. Acceptance of Agenda:  
*Motion to approve the agenda.*  
Alan Krenek made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd  
All approve
4. Strategic Planning Kickoff: Chelsea Coleman led a strategic planning workshop.
  - a. The group broke into several groups and discussed their hopes and desires for the library district.
  - b. Everyone discussed the district's mission, vision, and values.
  - c. In groups, staff shared a fictional story that showcased the library working at its best. This exercise was used to help focus on key aspects of the district's mission.
  - d. In groups, participants wrote a mock celebratory newspaper headline for the library district twenty-five years in the future. The groups shared their headlines to decide which one best aligns with the district's vision.
  - e. The group discussed the district's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
  - f. The next Study Session is Wednesday, September 11 from 3 to 5 pm. Strategic planning will continue with Chelsea Coleman at this next meeting.

5. Adjourn:

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:59 pm*

Alan Krenek made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd

All approve

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6 pm  
at the Elizabeth Library.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant