

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries
Board of Trustees Study Session Minutes
February 12, 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order and Verification of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by RuthAnn Stricker at the Elizabeth Library.
Board Members present: RuthAnn Stricker, Maral Heggemeier, Alan Krenek, and Lisa Hurst.
Staff Present: Director Susan Byrne, Elizabeth Branch Manager Sarah Coleman, and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson.
2. Advocacy Workshop Based on Colorado Public Library Standards: The Board went over an advocacy worksheet to brainstorm talking points for speaking to the public about the library district. The following are some of these talking points:
 - Elbert County is growing, and the library district is working to grow with it.
 - The library district is exploring new areas of funding to accomplish its goals.
 - 24/7 Wi-Fi is available at Pines & Plains locations along with access to e-books, e-audiobooks, and databases.
3. Public Library Capital Projects Funding 101: The Board reviewed the current goals that have been given to the Library Foundation, with an emphasis on expanding the Foundation Board.
Director Byrne provided the Board with an overview of resources for grants and other fundraising.
Grants are available from both the Federal and State governments.
Other funding options include grants from charitable organizations, financing the Elizabeth Library, and other private donations.
4. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6 pm at the Elizabeth Library.
5. Adjourn:
The Study Session was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6 pm at the Elizabeth Library.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant