

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 24, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Pines & Plains Libraries met for a regularly scheduled meeting at the Elbert Library.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:57pm by RuthAnn Stricker.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum: Board Members present: RuthAnn Stricker, Maral Heggemeier, Alessandra Navetta, Alan Krenek, and Lisa Hurst
Staff: Director Susan Byrne, Kiowa & Elbert Branch Manager Kristen Monroe, and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson
Guests present: Robert and Gaye Thomasson
3. Acceptance of the Agenda:
Motion to accept the agenda.
Alan Krenek made the motion; Alessandra Navetta 2nd
All in favor.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. August 2, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed, no comments
 - b. September 10, 2025, Study Session Minutes: Minutes reviewed, no comments
 - c. Correspondence: None
 - d. August Bank Reconciliations: The August Bank Reconciliations were tabled until the next meeting.
 - e. August Budget to Actual: Total expenditures through August are \$870,206.88 of the \$1,551,894.00 budget, which is 56.07%. January through August accounts for 66.7% of the year.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda without the August Bank Reconciliations.

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd
All in favor.

5. Committee Reports:
 - a. BOCC Meeting Update: The Board did not attend either of the BOCC meetings in September. Lisa Hurst will attend the BOCC meetings in

October. Alan Krenek will attend the BOCC meetings in November.
Alessandra Navetta will attend the BOCC meetings in December.

- b. Foundation Meeting Update: The Foundation helped with the book and garage sale held by Friends of the Elizabeth Library on Saturday, September 20.
 - c. CAL Conference: Alan Krenek, Lisa Hurst, and Director Byrne attend this year's CAL Conference. They attended workshops, networked, and learned more about Library Law.
 - d. Strategic Planning: Director Byrne provided a draft of a 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan to the Board. The Board will review and suggest any needed changes.
6. Director's Report: Director Byrne provided a copy of her report to the Board.
7. Budget Draft Presentation: Director Byrne presented to the Board a draft of the 2026 Budget. The Board will vote on whether to adopt this budget at the next meeting.

Motion 25-09-01:

Motion to hold the Budget Hearing during the Regular October 22 Board Meeting.
Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd
All in favor.

8. Public Comment: None
9. Any Other Items/Business from Board Members: None
10. Recognition of Robert Thomasson's Service as a Library Board Member: Robert Thomasson was given an award to recognize his years of service to the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.
11. Next meetings:
- a. Study Session, Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 3 pm at the Elizabeth Library.
 - b. Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 6 pm at the Elizabeth Library.
12. Adjourn:
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:31 pm*
Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Motion 25-09-01: Maral Heggemeier made a motion to hold a Budget Hearing during the October Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Hurst. All in favor.

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Board of Trustees
Resolution to Hold Budget Hearing
Resolution 25-09-01
September 24, 2025

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to hold a Budget Hearing during the October Board Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees will hold a Budget Hearing.

Approved this 24th day of September 2025 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By:_____

RuthAnn Stricker, Board President

By:_____

Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary