

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
February 25, 2026

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm 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 and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson
  
3. Acceptance of the Agenda:  
*Motion to accept the agenda.*  
Lisa Hurst made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd  
All in favor.
  
4. Consent Agenda:
  - a. January 28, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed, no comments
  - b. Correspondence: None.
  - c. January Bank Reconciliations: Alessandra Navetta provided the Board with a comprehensive review of the January District funds status:  
The Community Banks of Colorado checking account has a balance of \$1,188,928.28.  
The Community Banks of Colorado payroll account has a balance of \$30,940.52.  
The ColoTrust account has a balance of \$770,310.41.  
The CSafe1 account has a balance of \$626,763.22.  
The CSafe3 account has a balance of \$759,350.58.  
The gross total of all accounts is \$3,376,293.01.
  - d. January Budget to Actual: Total expenditures through January are \$111,265.49 of the \$1,919,480.00 budget, which is 5.8%. January accounts for 8.33% of the year.

*Motion to approve Consent Agenda.*

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd  
All in favor.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. BOCC Meeting Update: RuthAnn Stricker, Maral Heggemeier, and Alessandra Navetta accompanied Director Byrne to the Board of County Commissioners meeting on February 25. Director Byrne presented the state of the library report to the county commissioners. The fire department spoke about mitigating fires throughout the county.
  - b. Foundation Meeting Update: The Pines & Plains Foundation met on February 7. Planning for the Elizabeth Brewfest continues to move forward. The Brewfest will take place on August 22 at Running Creek Park.
6. Director's Report: Director Byrne provided a copy of her report to the Board. The Board has decided to create a building committee that will oversee the progress of the Elizabeth Library project. The building committee will consist of RuthAnn Stricker and Alessandra Navetta. The Board will be present at two upcoming events, March 2 for a Board of County Commissioners tour of the Elizabeth Library, and March 14 for the CU Denver University Technical Assistance Program presentation at the Elizabeth Library.

**Motion 26-02-01:**

*Motion to post a notice of possible quorum on March 14 for the UTAP students' presentation at 11 am.*

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd  
All approve.

**Motion 26-02-02:**

*Motion to post a notice of possible quorum on March 2 for the Elizabeth Library Board of County Commissioners tour at 1 pm.*

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd  
All approve.

7. Transfer Funds from Main Bank Account to ColoTrust Plus Account 2: The Board spoke about the need to cancel previous resolutions pertaining to unmade transfers of funds into a second ColoTrust account.

**Motion 26-02-03:**

*Motion to cancel Resolution 24-10-05 as of February 25, 2026.*

Alan Krenek made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd  
All approve.

**Motion 26-02-04:**

*Motion to cancel Resolution 24-10-06 as of February 25, 2026.*

Alan Krenek made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd

All approve.

**Motion 26-02-05:**

*Motion to transfer \$825,000 from the Community Banks of Colorado Main Checking Account to ColoTrust Plus Account 2 to act as the Capital Improvement Fund.*

Alan Krenek made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd

All approve.

8. Anders Dahlgren's Library Program Plan: Director Byrne provided the Board with Anders Dahlgren's draft program plan. Mr. Dahlgren has asked that the Board decide if it wants to keep the Elizabeth Library expansion within the current footprint of the building or expand the footprint to meet the projected space requirements. The Board decided that it would be best to stay within the current footprint of the building.
9. Strategic Plan 2026-2028: Director Byrne presented to the Board a draft of the Strategic Plan for 2026 – 2028.

**Motion 26-02-06:**

*Motion to approve the 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan.*

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd

All approve.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Any Other Items/Business from Board Members: None

12. Next meeting:

- a. Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 4 pm at the Elizabeth Library.

13. Adjourn:

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:55 pm*

Alan Krenek made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant

**Motion 26-02-01:** Maral Heggemeier made a motion to post a notice of possible quorum on March 14 for the UTAP students' presentation at 11 am. The motion was seconded by Alan Krenek. All in favor.

**Motion 26-02-02:** Maral Heggemeier made a motion to post a notice of possible quorum on March 2 for the Elizabeth Library Board of County Commissioners tour at 1 pm. The motion was seconded by Lisa Hurst. All in favor.

**Motion 26-02-03:** Alan Krenek made a motion to cancel Resolution 24-10-05 as of February 25, 2026. The motion was seconded by Maral Heggemeier. All in favor.

**Motion 26-02-04:** Alan Krenek made a motion to cancel Resolution 24-10-06 as of February 25, 2026. The motion was seconded by Lisa Hurst. All in favor.

**Motion 26-02-05:** Alan Krenek made a motion to transfer \$825,000 from the Community Banks of Colorado Main Checking Account to ColoTrust Plus Account 2 to act as the Capital Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Maral Heggemeier. All in favor.

**Motion 26-02-06:** Maral Heggemeier made a motion to approve the 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Alan Krenek. All in favor.

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Board of Trustees  
**Resolution to Cancel Previous Resolution**  
**Resolution 26-02-03**  
February 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to cancel Resolution 24-10-05 as of February 25, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees has canceled Resolution 24-10-05 as of February 25, 2025.

Approved this 25th day of February 2026 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President      Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary              Date

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Board of Trustees  
**Resolution to Cancel Previous Resolution**  
**Resolution 26-02-04**  
February 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to cancel Resolution 24-10-06 as of February 25, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees has canceled Resolution 24-10-06 as of February 25, 2025.

Approved this 25th day of February 2026 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President      Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary              Date

Elbert County Library District  
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Board of Trustees  
**Resolution to Transfer Funds**  
**Resolution 26-02-05**  
February 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to transfer \$825,000 from the Community Banks of Colorado Main Checking Account to ColoTrust Plus Account 2 to act as the Capital Improvement Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees has decided to transfer \$825,000 to ColoTrust Plus Account 2.

Approved this 25th day of February 2026 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President      Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary              Date

Elbert County Library District  
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Board of Trustees  
**Resolution to Approve 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan**  
**Resolution 26-02-06**  
February 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to approve the 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees has approved the 2026 – 2028 Strategic Plan.

Approved this 25th day of February 2026 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President      Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary              Date