

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HELD ON  
JANUARY 12, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and in person in the Board Room of the Main Library.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. B. King
Mr. C. Erlewine	Ms. B. Malkin
Ms. S. Haden	Mr. L. Moore
Ms. J. Hall	Ms. S. Shumate
Mr. J. Holliday	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Mr. T. Hurney	Ms. C. Tawney
Mr. J. Jarrett	Dr. R. Wallace

Others in attendance were Mr. Bryan Cokeley, President of the Library Foundation Board of Kanawha County and Chris Winton, library counsel

Staff in attendance were Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Jennifer Meddings, Ms. Terri McDougal, Ms. Julianne Yacovone, Ms. Gabrielle Cochran, Ms. Susan Murphy, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Steve Mills, Mr. Jay Raber, Mr. Michael Polak.

First Vice President, Ms. Haden, presided over the meeting. After reporting a present quorum, she called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the Board APPROVED the minutes from the December 9, 2025 board meeting.

**Director's Report**

With the Library halfway through its 25-26 Fiscal Year, Ms. Connelly invited the Board to review an updated Budget tracker in their packets. She reported that both income and expenditures are operating as projected. Currently, she is working with Financial Services Coordinator, Mr. Jay Raber, on updating the Library's Financial Manual.

Assistant Director, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, updated the board on the Cross Lanes Branch library. Ms. Michelle Ross returned to the KCPL system and is now serving as the location's branch manager. The Board

modified Cross Lanes' hours in 2025 due to staffing. On February 3rd, the location will return to full hours.

Ms. Kelsey Johnson, KCPL's new Technology Librarian, is introducing new products in the Main Library's IDEA Lab. A newly purchased photo processing product will allow patrons to print Passport photos.

The West Virginia Legislative session began in January (shortly after this meeting). Ms. Connelly and Ms. Mitchell attended the annual Issues and Eggs event with the Legislators at the Charleston Marriott Town Center.

Mr. Cokeley updated the Board on the Foundation's current work. The annual fundraising campaign reached its goal for the year and will still be active until April. The Foundation is also gearing up to launch the Heywood-Simpson Fund in honor of Tom Heywood and Melody Simpson's work for the KCPL community. Mr. Cokeley hopes that the project will go public around the May Board Meeting.

## **Reports of Committees**

### **1.) Special Eastern Kanawha County**

Ms. Connelly reported that Mr. Winton has investigated the deed on a potential property being considered by the Eastern Kanawha Committee. Members of the committee may have an update for the full board in the February meeting that requires an executive session

### **2.) Building**

Mr. Jarrett and the Building Committee are tracking several projects at Main and Branch locations. They are working on finalizing the brickwork contracts for Sissonville and St. Albans and a roof repair project at Dunbar. Ice Guards are now installed on the roof of the Main Library.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 p.m.