**TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana
**January 6, 2026**

**MINUTES**

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:
Sallie Fahey, Vice-President
Terry Ashlock, Secretary
Stephen Bultinck, Treasurer
Kay Walton, Member
Melissa McCandless, Member

ABSENT:
Connie Harper, President

GUESTS
David Moore, Guest
Karen Hibdon, Staff member
Brantly McCord, Staff member
Robert Gump, Guest
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

Vice President Sallie Fahey chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library. Board Treasurer, Stephen Bultinck led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Kay Walton moved the **Board Minutes** of December 2nd and December 17th, 2025 be approved as presented. Board Secretary, Terry Ashlock provided a second and the motion passed.

Board member Melissa McCandless moved to approve the January 6th, 2026 **Personnel Actions.** Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no **Committee Reports.** There were no topics under the heading of **Other Reports**.

There was no **Old Business**. The County Librarian took a minute to inform the Board copies of the previously approved **Holiday and Closed Days** and the **2026 Board Meeting Dates** was included in the January board packet. Mr. Holman also mentioned TCPL will discontinue sending the Board meeting dates to local media each month. Local media no longer request these dates and TCPL can save the postage. The full list of Board meeting dates will be sent during January.

There was no **New Business.**

Under the heading of **Other Business,** Vice-President Fahey requested a motion to suspend the regular meeting. At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Bultinck moved to suspend the regular meeting and convene the Board of Finance to consider financial matters and routines for 2026. Mrs. McCandless seconded the motion and it passed. The first item of business was to elect a President and Secretary of the Board of Finance. It was suggested Board

President, Connie Harper and Board Secretary Terry Ashlock serve as officers of the Board of Finance. Mrs. McCandless moved to elect Connie Harper as President and Terry Ashlock as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mrs. Walton provided a second. After a bit of discussion and a "friendly amendment", the motion was amended to Vice-President Fahey serving as President and Terry Ashlock serving as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Bultinck moved the amendment be passed. Mrs. Walton provided a second and the motion passed. Regarding the TCPL Investment Policy, the County Librarian reported he had consulted attorney, Bob Bauman regarding a minor change in the Investment Policy. After discussion, there was consensus to remove the language in the **Investments** section, item number 4 which read, *"Obligations issued, assumed or guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Redevelopment or the African Development Bank."* (IC 5-13-9). Mrs. McCandless moved to adopt the revised Investment Policy of the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it passed. Next, the County Librarian shared information about the local financial institutions TCPL currently uses. Vice-President Fahey stated the Board needed to designate banks for use in 2026. Mr. Bultinck moved to designate the following financial institutions as depositories for library funds in 2026: Old National Bank, First Merchants and TrustINdiana. Mr. Ashlock provided a second and the motion passed. Next, Mr. Bultinck moved that the Lafayette Journal & Courier be approved as the designated newspaper to publish TCPL's legal advertisements in 2026. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it passed. As the final action of the Board of Finance, Mr. Ashlock moved to approve the request for advance tax draws from the County Auditor for the 2026 fiscal year. Mr. Bultinck provided a second and the motion passed. At 7:13 p.m., Mrs. McCandless moved to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting and reconvene the regular Board meeting. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it passed.

Also, under **Other Business,** Mr. Bultinck moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with Pre-Claims numbered 909-924 and Regular Claims numbered 925-963. The prewritten claims were $381,355.73 and the regular claims were $121,577.62 for a grand total of $502,933.35. Mrs. McCandless seconded the motion and it passed.

Under the heading of the **County Librarian's Report,** Mr. Holman brought a few items to the Board's attention. He provided an update on the TCPL Foundation's Annual Appeal. As of this time, there have been more than forty-five gifts totaling more than $4,000. The appeal mailing was done internally for the third straight year with a goal of $10,000 to $11,000 dollars. All gifts will be used to fund the initial collection of the ***Library of Things.*** Mr. Holman shared TCPL received a $5,000 Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention (PYSP) grant from North Central Health Services. The grant, awarded to local non-profits, will raise awareness of the various factors associated with teen suicide. TCPL staff will participate in a full day of training in April. The grant must be implemented by November 30th, 2026. TCPL will develop and present at least three programs with the grant and also produce printed resources for youth and their parents. Finally, Mr. Holman announced TCPL will host its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., program on January 19th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Anne Edwards, the Executive Director of all the Purdue Cultural Centers, will be the keynote speaker. The one-hour program will include a musical element and refreshments will be served. The program continues to be sponsored by the Friends of TCPL.

Under **Comments from the Public,** a former TCPL employee requested the Board review an Administrative decision. Vice-President Fahey, indicated the matter would be reviewed and a response would be given.

There was no **Other Business.**

Mrs. McCandless moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:21 p.m. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

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Terry Ashlock, Secretary

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