

**JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Meeting Minutes – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Jackson County Chamber of  
Commerce, 720 Krebs Ave. Pascagoula, MS

**PRESIDING:** Belinda Dammen

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Chapman, Betty Ryals, George Sholl,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Talley, Lisa Hedegaard, Judy Wilder

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angela Stewart, Director; Letha Boulton, Assistant Director Branch  
Services; Kim Harvey, Business Manager; Anna MacOwen,  
Administrative Assistant; Myra A. Cunningham, esq., stand-in for  
Board Attorney; Michelle Gist, guest from Wolfe, McDuff & Oppie

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

**Minutes from the March 2025 Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** Sholl                      **SECOND:** Ryals  
"To adopt the minutes from the March 2025 Jackson-George  
Regional Library Board Meeting."  
**VOTING AYE:** Chapman, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Updated By-Laws for VC Friends of the Library

**FINANCES:**

**Docket of Claims**

This report was previously distributed to members. Kim Harvey  
provided information on why the docket was so significant this  
month.

**MOTION:** Chapman                      **SECOND:** Ryals  
"To approve the March 2025 Docket of Claims in the amount of  
\$91,928.26."  
**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**April 2025 Personnel Report**

**MOTION:** Ryals                      **SECOND:** Chapman  
"To approve the April 2025 Personnel Report as provided by  
Darlene Broadus, Human Resources Manager."

**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen

**VOTING NAY:** None

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

All matters listed under Item 7, Monthly Reports (copies on file), are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Monthly Reports and considered separately. They include the following:

- Assistant Director of Branch Services Report
- Assistant Director of CMS/IT Report
- Collection Management Services Report
- Facilities Management Report
- Financial Reports
- Fines Report
- ILL (Interlibrary Loan) Report
- Law Library Report
- Public Relations Report
- Purchasing Agent Report
- Statistical Report
- Technology Services Report
- Training and Staff Development Report
- Website Statistics Report
- Youth Services Report

**MOTION:** Ryals

**SECOND:** Chapman

"To approve the March 2025 Monthly Reports as previously sent to JGRS Board members."

**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen

**VOTING NAY:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Angela Stewart, Director, discussed and answered Board questions on her report and items submitted under the Director's Report.

**Miscellaneous Reports and Items**

- Pascagoula Construction Update and Proposed Soft Opening Date
- IMLS/MLC News
- Changes to ILL and Hoopla Service

**The Director decided that the Special Project will be placed on indefinite hold pending government funding decisions. She discussed grants applied for to allow a play center in the Pascagoula Children's Area.**

**MOTION:** Ryals

**SECOND:** Chapman

"To approve the March 2025 Director's Report as previously distributed to members."

**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen

**VOTING NAY:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Proposed Mural Design for Ocean Springs

**MOTION:** Ryals                      **SECOND:** Chapman  
"To approve the new policies and revisions for JGRLS."  
**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

- Request for Executive Session to Discuss Proposed Reductions and Personnel Changes

**MOTION:** Ryals                      **SECOND:** Chapman  
"To move into closed session to determine if executive session is needed."  
**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**Closed session begins at 2:26 P.M.**

**The need for executive session is proved.**

**MOTION:** Ryals                      **SECOND:** Chapman  
"To move into executive session to discuss personnel issues reductions and changes."  
**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**Executive session begins at 2:27 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Ryals                      **SECOND:** Chapman  
"To move to exit executive session."  
**VOTING AYE:** Sholl, Dammen  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

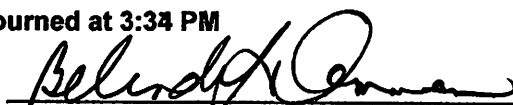
The next Regional Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Sholl  
"That the meeting be adjourned."

**Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM**

**APPROVED:**

  
Chair

**ADOPTED:**

5/19/25  
Date

Minutes recorded by Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant