JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – January 26th, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: Monday, January 26th, 2026 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room,

PRESIDING: Belinda Dammen

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Talley, Lisa Hedegaard, Ann Chapman, Linda Pierce

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Rogers, Betty Ryals

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Stewart, Director; Jeanne Damiano, Assistant Director CMS/IT; Letha Boulton, Assistant Director of Branch Services; Kim Harvey, Business Manager; Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Burrow, Esq., Board Attorney

WELCOME AND SWEARING IN OF LINDA PIERCE BY STEPHEN BURROW, ESQ.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 2025 Board Meeting

MOTION: Talley **SECOND:** Chapman
"To adopt the minutes from the December 2025 Jackson-George Regional Library Board Meeting."
VOTING AYE: Hedegaard, Dammen, Pierce
VOTING NAY: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jackson County Board of Supervisors Board Appointment Letter & Resolution

FINANCES:

Approvals for Donations
MOTION: Chapman **SECOND:** Talley
"To approve the donations given to JGRLS."
VOTING AYE: Hedegaard, Dammen, Pierce
VOTING NAY: None

ThriftBooks Procurements and Amendment to Debit Card Policy
MOTION: Talley **SECOND:** Hedegaard
"To approve the amendment to the Debit Card Policy."
VOTING AYE: Dammen, Pierce, Chapman
VOTING NAY: None

Docket of Claims and Addendum
This report was previously distributed to members. Kim Harvey discussed reports submitted.

MOTION: Chapman **SECOND:** Hedegaard
"To approve the December 2025 Docket of Claims and Future Bills in the amount of $102,735.14."
VOTING AYE: Dammen, Talley, Pierce
VOTING NAY: None

PERSONNEL REPORT:

January 2026 Personnel Report

MOTION: Talley **SECOND:** Chapman
"To approve the December 2025 Personnel Report as provided by Darlene Broadus, Human Resources Manager."
VOTING AYE: Dammen, Hedegaard, Pierce
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
- 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: Chapman **SECOND:** Pierce
"To approve the December 2025 Monthly Reports as previously sent to JGRLS Board members."
VOTING AYE: Talley, Dammen, Hedegaard
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

- Grants and Upcoming Projects
- Strategic Plan 2026-2031
- Community and Partner Engagements
- Staff Development Day

Updates give on grants and project planned for them. Strategic Plan draft introduced and board invited to consider if they want to approve as-is or table till next meeting to allow for time to read it. Board members invited to attend Staff Development Day on March 10th.

MOTION: Hedegaard **SECOND:** Talley
"To approve the January 2026 Director's Report as previously distributed to members."
VOTING AYE: Dammen, Pierce, Chapman
VOTING NAY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Development Day Closure to the Public – March 10th 2026

MOTION: Hedegaard **SECOND:** Chapman
"To approve closing the system for Staff Development Day on wwwwwwwwwwwwwwwMarch 10th."
VOTING AYE: Dammen, Pierce, Talley
VOTING NAY: None

Approval of Drafted JGRLS Strategic Plan

Board decided to table vote until February 2026 meeting to allow time to read full document.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Regional Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 23rd, 2026, at the Pascagoula Public Library's Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION:** Chapman
"That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 PM

APPROVED: _____ Chair ADOPTED: 02/23/2026 Date

Minutes recorded by Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant