

JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME AND PLACE: Meeting Minutes – March 23rd, 2026
Monday, March 23rd, 2026 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room,

PRESIDING: Belinda Dammen

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 2026 Board Meeting

MOTION: Chapman **SECOND:** Talley
"To adopt the minutes from the February 2026 Jackson-George
Regional Library Board Meeting."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Ryals, Hedegaard, Dammen
VOTING NAY: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

FINANCES:

Docket of Claims, Late Bills and Addendum

This report was previously distributed to members. Kim Harvey
discussed reports submitted.

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND:** Pierce
"To approve the March 2026 Docket of Claims and Future Bills in the
amount of \$123,204.46."
VOTING AYE: Talley, Hedegaard, Chapman, Dammen
VOTING NAY: None

PERSONNEL REPORT:

March 2026 Personnel Report

MOTION: Hedegaard **SECOND:** Ryals
"To approve the March 2026 Personnel Report as provided by
Darlene Broadus, Human Resources Manager."
VOTING AYE: Chapman, Pierce, Talley, 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
- Financial Reports
- Law Library Report
- Public Relations and Website Statistics Reports
- Purchasing Agent Report
- Statistical Reports
- Technology Services Report
- Training and Staff Development Report
- Youth Services Report

MOTION: Chapman

SECOND: Talley

"To approve the March 2026 Monthly Reports as previously sent to JGRLS Board members."

VOTING AYE: Hedegaard, Pierce, Ryals, 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

- Staff Development Day
- New Gautier Manager
- SLP 2026 Plans
- Budget Request Letters and State Appropriation
- Budget Committee

Announcement of new Gautier Manager—Mary Michelle McCartney—and SLP 2026 Kickoff Celebration at Pascagoula Public Library on May 30th. Drafts of budget request letters to be brought before board for consideration. Budget committee to be finalized in April.

MOTION: Ryals

SECOND: Talley

"To approve the March 2026 Director's Report as previously distributed to members."

VOTING AYE: Pierce, Chapman, Hedegaard, Dammen

VOTING NAY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Board By-Laws Amendment

MOTION: Talley **SECOND:** Chapman
"To approve the proposed amendment to the Board By-Laws."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Ryals, Hedegaard, Dammen
VOTING NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Regional Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 27th, 2026, at the Pascagoula Public Library's Meeting Room.

Budget Committee Members to be confirmed in April meeting—
Hedegaard, Dammen and Chapman all interested.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Hedegaard
"That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM

APPROVED:  ADOPTED: 4/27/26
Chair Date

Minutes recorded by Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant