

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

TIME AND PLACE: Meeting Minutes – July 27th, 2026
Monday, July 27th, 2026 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room,

PRESIDING: Belinda Dammen

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Hedegaard, Linda Pierce, Ann Chapman, Betty Ryals, Mark Talley
(via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lena Jordan

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Stewart, Director; 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 June 2026 Board Meeting

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Patron Ban Letter
- Film Licensing Proposal

FINANCES:

Docket of Claims and Addendum

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

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND:** Chapman
“To approve the July 2026 Docket of Claims and Addendum in the amount of \$85,505.89.”
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Hedegaard, Talley
VOTING NAY: None

PERSONNEL REPORT:

July 2026 Personnel Report

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND: Hedegaard**
"To approve the July 2026 Personnel Report as provided by
Darlene Broadus, Human Resources Manager."

VOTING AYE: Chapman, Dammen, Pierce, Talley

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: Ryals

"To approve the July 2026 Monthly Reports as previously sent to JGRS Board members."

VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Hedegaard, Talley

VOTING NAY: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

Miscellaneous Reports and Items

- Meeting with Jackson County
- Salvation Army Reception
- Damage at Moss Point Library
- Banned Patron
- Movie Licenses
- Public Outreach
- Weather Updates

Board found movie licensing deal to be an interesting proposal and was in favor of pursuing it for programming benefits.

MOTION: Ryals

SECOND: Hedegaard

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

VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Chapman, Talley

VOTING NAY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Motion was made to go into a closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue involving a current Ocean Springs branch employee. Executive Session was held from 2:23 PM to 2:40 PM after which the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Regional Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 24th, 2026, at the Pascagoula Public Library's Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ryals
"That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM

APPROVED:  ADOPTED: _____
Chair Date

Minutes recorded by Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant