JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – September 21st, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: Monday, September 21st, 2026 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room, Pascagoula Public Library

PRESIDING: Belinda Dammen

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 August 2026 Board Meeting

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

FINANCES:

Approval of Financial Gift to Lucedale Library
Financial Gift received from Hippies and Cowboys Homeschool Group and Scholastic Bookfair for the improvement of the Lucedale Library's children's area.

MOTION: Chapman **SECOND:** Pierce
"To approve the Financial Gift given to the Lucedale Library."
VOTING AYE: Jordan, Dammen, Hedegaard, Talley, Ryals
VOTING NAY: None

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

MOTION: Chapman **SECOND:** Hedegaard
"To approve the September 2026 Docket of Claims, Addendum and Late Bills in the amount of $94,434.14."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Jordan, Talley, Ryals
VOTING NAY: None

Approval of 2026-2027 Budget
The budget was previously distributed to members. Kim Harvey and Angela Stewart discussed.

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND:** Hedegaard
"To approve the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Chapman, Talley, Jordan
VOTING NAY: None

PERSONNEL REPORT:

September 2026 Personnel Report

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND:** Jordan
"To approve the September 2026 Personnel Report as provided by Darlene Broadus, Human Resources Manager."
VOTING AYE: Chapman, Dammen, Pierce, Talley, Hedegaard
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: Hedegaard **SECOND:** Ryals
"To approve the July 2026 Monthly Reports as previously sent to JGRLS Board members."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Chapman, Talley, Jordan
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

- Branch Happenings
- Meeting with Managers
- PG Elevator
- Annual Budget
- Festivals – Zonta and Peter Anderson
  Ms. Dammen announced her retirement from the Board at the end of October 2026. Board asked to approve closing the Ocean Springs Library for the Peter Anderson Festival (11/7).

MOTION: Talley **SECOND:** Ryals
"To approve closing the Ocean Springs Library for Peter Anderson Festival."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Chapman, Jordan, Hedegaard
VOTING NAY: None

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Items from August 2026 Meeting
  - Minutes from July 2026 Meeting
  - August 2026 Personnel Report
  - August 2026 Monthly Reports
  - August 2026 Director's Report

MOTION: Ryals **SECOND:** Chapman
"To approve the Old Business from the August 2026 Board Meeting."
VOTING AYE: Pierce, Dammen, Jordan, Talley, Hedegaard
VOTING NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update to Mileage

- Proposed Meeting Dates for 2027

MOTION: Hedegaard **SECOND:** Pierce
"To approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2027."
VOTING AYE: Chapman, Dammen, Jordan, Talley, Ryals
VOTING NAY: None

- Director's Annual Evaluation

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 the Director's Evaluation. Executive Session was held from 2:19 PM to 2:30 PM after which the

Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session. Evaluation was administered during Closed Session. No other action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Regional Board meeting will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 26th, 2026, at the Pascagoula Public Library's Meeting Room.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM

APPROVED: _____ ADOPTED: 10-26-26
Chair Date

Minutes recorded by Anna MacOwen, Administrative Assistant