

Josephine Community Library District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, at 5:30 pm
Grants Pass branch | 200 NW C street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Members present: Gina Marie Agosta, Pat Fahey, Kelly Robinson, Rachele Selvig, Tina Gotchall

Members absent: none

Staff present: Library Director Kate Lasky, Communications and Partnership Manager Brandace Rojo, Library Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz, Library Foundation Liaison Mary Walgrave

Contractors: Communications Specialist Teresa Stover

CALL TO ORDER. Ms. Agosta called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

STANDING ITEMS

Approval of consent agenda. Consent agenda items included:

- a. June 16 Board Meeting minutes
- b. July 17 Board Meeting minutes
- c. July 23 Board Meeting minutes
- d. Resolution 2026-007: Policy 4-3-1
- e. Resolution 2026-008: Policy 4-3-4

Motion: Mr. Fahey moved to approve the consent agenda.

Ms. Gotchall seconded.

Approved by Ms. Agosta. Approved by Ms. Robinson. Ms. Selvig absent at vote.

Public comment. No public comment.

Correspondence. No correspondence

Annexation Petition Review: Annexation petition review: Dale J & Terri Granville, Laurel & Raymond Howard, and Katherine Roncalio & Solomon E Roncalio-Meyer

Motion: Mr. Fahey moved to approve the consent agenda.

Ms. Gotchall seconded.

Approved by Ms. Agosta. Approved by Ms. Robinson. Approved by Ms. Selvig.

STAFF REPORTS

Library director's report. Ms. Lasky referred to the Library Director's Report dated August 21, 2025, highlighting the following items:

- Post renovation issues at the Illinois Valley branch. Bookcase work from custom casework is bowing and buckling at the Williams branch
- Started year 2 of Josephine TechConnect program
- Oath of Office was held for Ms. Robinson and Ms. Selvig on August 11

- The Easter Seals volunteer position in Grants Pass is on hold due to federal funding freeze
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Annual Report. Discussion postponed.

Financial report. Ms. Lasky reviewed the July 2025 Financial Statement memo dated August 21, 2025. She also referred to the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual-General Fund statement through July 31, 2025, and the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025.

Capital Improvement Plan report. Discussion postponed.

ACTION ITEMS

Grants Pass lease.

Prior to today's Josephine County BOC meeting, Ms. Lasky preemptively scheduled an executive session and a resolution to approve the lease agreement. Due to the outcome of the meeting the executive session and resolution were replaced with a conversation.

During the County Commissioners meeting a termination for convenience clause reinstated by Commissioner Blech through a 2-1 vote. The change from a convenience clause to a termination for cause clause was a non-negotiable for the library board of directors.

The library board of directors is not willing to sign the lease with the suggested changes.

The library Board of Directors expressed that the grandstanding at Josephine County board of Commissioners meetings is counterproductive and hard on the community.

They had a discussion about potentially submitting a letter to the Josephine County Board of Directors with a suggested amendment using the exact termination clause language from the Grants Pass YMCA lease.

Motion: Mr. Fahey moved to authorize the board president to work with Ms. Lasky to draft a proposal to the Board of County Commissioners that includes an amendment to the lease agreement for the Grants Pass branch to reflect the YMCA lease termination terms.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

Approved by Ms. Agosta. Approved by Ms. Gotchall. Approved by Ms. Selvig.

Ms. Lasky suggested hosting a press conference on Monday, August 25 at the Grants Pass branch and to address the statement that "it is common to have a termination for convenience clause in commercial leases" made by Commissioner Blech as well as to answer questions about the current status of the lease agreement. The library board discussed availability and who might be able to attend on behalf of the library district.

Finance Policy on Personnel.

The board of directors held its first reading of a revised version of Finance Policy 2-5 Personnel.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Library Foundation liaison report. Library foundation board member Mary Walgrave reported that there will be a library donor appreciation event called Blueprints & Books on September 28.

The library foundation's FY25 annual report will be presented at the next meeting.

Facilities Oversight Task Force. Ms. Stoltz reported that Vitus Construction is donating their time to repair the custom shelving at the Williams branch.

The library foundation has been awarded two \$10,000 grants from Roundhouse Foundation and Four Way Community Foundation to make ADA-compliant updates to the Wolf Creek branch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comments from board members. None.

Date and agenda items for next meeting. The next regular board meeting will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 18, at the Grants Pass branch library. Ms. Selvig will be absent.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandace Rojo'.

Brandace Rojo for Board Secretary Kate Lasky
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