

Piedmont Regional Library System Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026

Board Members Present: Kathy Ash, Gail Hogan, Samantha Hill, Robert Lanham, Ellen Petree, Deborah Donaldson, Marcia Bryan, Carey Elliot, and Tammy Smith.

Staff Members Present: Kelli McDaniel, Alicia King, Matt Cornell, Lisa Gannon, Jill Barnes, Holly Burrell, Lori Hayes, Marena Bleech, Julie Duncan, and Rhonda O'Keeffe.

Call to Order: A quorum was achieved, and the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A correction was requested to add a missing board member name to the list of those present. Time was provided for further corrections or amendments; none were offered. Gail Hogan motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes as written with the one correction. Ellen Petree seconded the motion. The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

FY26 4th Quarter Financial Report: Chairperson Kathy Ash presented the FY26 4th Quarter Financial Report for year-end review. Kelli McDaniel reviewed each budget, state, grants, local, and the PRLS balance sheet, highlighting specific line items of interest. Time was provided for questions and discussion. Robert Lanham made a motion to accept the final budgets as presented. Marcia Bryan seconded. The budget was unanimously approved by the board.

Regional Director's Report: Director Kelli McDaniel referred to her written report, highlighting key success measures for the year and specific updates from both the Director's Report and Regional Office staff reports. Matt Cornell took some time to talk about E-Rate and its future. Time was provided for questions, comments, and discussion.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Member List and Meeting Dates: Kelli reviewed the latest board member list and meeting dates.

Election of Officers: The positions of Vice Chairperson and Secretary are up for election.

- **Vice Chairperson:** No nominations were made for the position of Vice Chairperson at this time. After a discussion, Kelli encouraged members who might be interested but need more information about the role to reach out to her.
- **Secretary:** No nominations were made for the position of Secretary at this time. Kelli encouraged members who might be interested but need more information about the role to reach out to her.

Policy Review: Collection Development: Chairperson Kathy Ash introduced the updated policy, and Kelli explained the history of this policy and that this is the beginning of a longer process of reviewing and updating the region's collection development to better meet the needs of the changing publishing world. Kelli went on to review in detail what was brand new, what remained, and what has been completely eliminated. A time for questions and discussion followed. Tammy Smith made a motion to accept the changes to the updated policy and adopt it as written. Samantha Hill seconded the motion. A time for further discussion or questions was provided. The motion was unanimously passed.

GA HB516 (Virtual Board Meetings) Discussion: Kathy Ash introduced the topic of moving to virtual meetings. Kelli McDaniel explained to the board law GAHB516, provided background for it, and began the discussion around the possibility of making the board meetings virtual, discussing what that could mean to all involved. A time for questions, comments, and discussion followed. The board requested that Kelli report back after the August 3rd state training on this topic, and asked if those interested would be able to sit in on an existing library board virtual meeting to experience what it is like. Kelli encouraged board members to send her questions to submit before the training on the third.

Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 5:00 pm at the Banks County Public Library. Chairperson Kathy Ash asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Carey Elliot motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Robert Lanham. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia King - PRLS Administrative Assistant & Outreach Services Coordinator, and reviewed by Kelli McDaniel, Director, and Kathy Ash, Chairperson