

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
April 20, 2026

Members

Mary Baker, President
Alexandra Daniels Durham
Alan Girton
Stephanie Oden
Karen Sosbe*
Cathy Stover
Nick Weicht

Others

TJ Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Executive Director
Doug Workinger, Chief Operating Officer
Rita Bates, Chief Financial Officer
Trina Evans
Angie Garrett*
Ginger Hanny, Administrative Assistant
Caele Pemberton*
Lori Seaman*
Aaron Smith
Christie Tate*

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present. (Six board members, attorney, Ms. Bates, Ms. Brautigam, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hanny, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Workinger attended in person. All others* attended via Zoom.)

There were no public comments in person or via Zoom meeting software chat.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports and agenda): Minutes of March meeting; March statistical report; March 10 – April 13 appropriations report; March financial report; March 10 – April 13 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved to accept the recommendation to designate Community First Bank of Indiana as the library's public depository, following a motion by Ms. Stover and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board adopted the Disaster Recovery Plan for Computer Systems Policy, following a motion by Ms. Oden and a second by Mr. Weicht, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the Capital Asset and Depreciation Policy, following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Durham, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the Materiality Variance Policy, following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Stover, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

Ms. Brautigam shared a brief overview of her time at the 2026 Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN. She noted getting to hear social justice activist Bryan Stevenson present during one of the main sessions. Additionally, she highlighted meeting the coordinator of the federal e-rate program who remains optimistic about the continuation of federal e-rate program funding for at least 18 months. She was, overall, very pleased to be able to attend this year's conference.

Ms. Evans gave an overview of some recent spatial layout changes at KHCPL South. One of the primary changes involved shifting bookshelves to more clearly define children's spaces and to improve view of the children's area for caregivers. The self-service holds were moved to a more noticeable location by the door to improve visibility and patron experience.

There was no Other New Business.

Under Executive Director's Comments • Ms. Brautigam reminded the board of the upcoming work session on Wednesday, April 22 at KHCPL South.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Alan Girton, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Ginger Hanny.]

The next library board meeting will be on **Monday, May 18** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Main.