

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
May 18, 2026

Members

Alex Durham*
Stephanie Oden
Cathy Stover, Vice President
Nick Weicht

Others

TJ Rethlake, Attorney
Alex Toren, Mayor's Youth Member

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Executive Director
Doug Workinger, Chief Operating Officer
Rita Bates, Chief Financial Officer
Trina Evans*
Angela Garrett
Ginger Hanny, Administrative Assistant
Caele Pemberton
Lori Seaman*
Trisha Shively
Kat Slider
Christie Tate
Candace Williamson

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 4:31 p.m. with four members present. (Three board members, attorney, Ms. Bates, Ms. Brautigam, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Hanny, Ms. Pemberton, Ms. Shively, Ms. Slider, Ms. Tate, Ms. Toren, Ms. Williamson, 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 April meeting and April 22 Work Session; April statistical report; April 14 – May 11 appropriations report; April financial report; April 14 – May 11 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Ms. Oden and a second by Mr. Weicht, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Ms. Oden, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board reviewed and approved the Substance Abuse Policy (see policy), following a motion by Ms. Oden and a second by Mr. Weicht, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Ms. Oden, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the Surplus List (see document), following a motion by Mr. Weicht and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Ms. Oden, Ms. Stover, and Mr. Weicht).

In the absence of the board president, the vice president, Ms. Stover, appointed Ms. Durham and Ms. Oden to serve with the board president on the 2026 board budget committee.

Ms. Bates presented the letter (see document) from Community First Bank of Indiana accepting the designation as KHCPL's public depository. The terms of the acceptance letter are in effect through May 2028.

Ms. Brautigam facilitated a panel discussion with three participants of the Leadership Academy. The three panelists were Ms. Angela Garrett, Ms. Kat Slider, and Ms. Candace Williamson. In their answers, the panelists discussed what motivated them to apply for the Leadership Academy, concepts of management and leadership that they wish to apply in their work, and their favorite activity or discussion from sessions so far.

Mr. Workinger provided the board with an update on the civic engagement portion of the Strategic Plan. He showed board members how to navigate to the Civic Engagement page on the library's website. Mr. Workinger highlighted the Voter Information page that was published prior to the registration deadline for the May primary election.

There was no Other New Business.

Under Executive Director's Comments • Ms. Brautigam reminded the board that the June board meeting is at KHCPL South. She also informed the board that she has a meeting scheduled with the board president and vice president to discuss the progress of her goals, in accordance with the board by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Alan Girton, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Ginger Hanny.]

The next library board meeting will be on **Monday, June 15** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL South.