



Board of Trustees
Twin Falls Public Library
Thursday, July 9, 2026
5:00 pm in the TFPL Board Room

Attendance

Attending the meeting were Trustees Lindsay Earls, Dana DeHaan, Shawnee Burt, Nick Cooley; City Council Liaison Nathan Murray; Director Tara Bartley, Library Staff Ashlee Vipperman and Jennifer Hills. Lindsay Earls called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

Tara Bartley asked to include the following language under 4. a) i. Submitted travel reimbursement from the Foundation. Dana DeHaan motioned to approve the amended agenda for July 9, 2026. Shawnee Burt seconded the motion. Motion approved (4-0)

Recognition

Jennifer Hills was recognized for her 20 years of service to the Library.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Shawnee Burt motioned to approve the meeting minutes for June 11, 2026. Dana DeHaan seconded the motion. Motion approved (4-0)

Expenditures and Financial Accounting (Ashlee)

Nick Cooley motioned to approve the June 2026 payables. Shawnee Burt seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Roll call approved (4-0)

The reimbursement for the Laserfiche conference has been submitted to the Foundation.

Nick Cooley motioned to approve the Payment of Routine Monthly Bills for August 10, 2026; Deferral of Non-Routine or Over - \$2,500 Items to be addressed at the August 20, 2026 Board Meeting. Shawnee Burt seconded the motion. Motion approved (4-0)

Communications/Correspondence

Summer Reading is currently going and ends July 24. The Summer Reading Finale is at Orton Botanical Gardens on July 24.

A calendar of events was shared.

Public Comment

Three letters were shared expressing interest in a Sensory Room in the Youth Services Department from the following public: Sylvia Arnold, K Dawson, Enrique Camacho

Trustees asked Tara Bartley and the staff to look at areas of accessibility and come back in the near future with some recommendations.

City Council Liaison Report (Nathan)

The Library Plaza is slowly moving forward. The City of Twin Falls FY2026/2027 budget will be finalized in August.

Foundation Liaison Report (Joey) No report**Staff Report No report****Library Director Report (Tara)**

The FCC has proposed to either limit E-rate funding to rural areas or eliminate it all together. This funding helps public libraries provide internet access to all patrons.

The City Council approved the reallocation of \$82,548 in leftover funds from the ADA bathroom project to fund technology improvements.

The library budget for FY2026/2027 will be presented to City Council July 27.

Tara will be at the Lynx Directors' quarterly meeting in Kuna July 17, 2026.

Business Issues

Dana DeHaan motioned to approve the employment agreement between the Board of Trustees and the Library Director, and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Nick Cooley seconded the motion. Motion approved (4-0)

Shawnee Burt motioned to approve the proposed Bylaws Amendments. Dana DeHaan seconded the motion. Motion approved (4-0)

Future agenda items Library Survey

Scheduled Meeting Date: Note meeting date changed – August 20, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 5:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlee Vipperman, Administrative Assistant