

Mexico-Audrain County Library District
Minutes for Board of Trustee's Monthly Meeting
January 28, 2026

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Williams at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Mindy Nasir, Becky Schafer, Fran Staley, Sue Waechter, Glenda Williams, and Ruth Williams.

Members absent: John Walker

Members arriving later: Kathleen Robnett

Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner and Secretary to the Board, Monica Taylor.

The Board welcomed new Board member, Cheryl Slagle, from Mexico.

Patron concerns: None.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of December bills with a motion by Waechter, second by Staley; motion passed unanimously.

Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Approval of December regular meeting minutes with a motion by Schafer, second by G. Williams; motion passed unanimously. Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Approval of minutes for the January special meeting on the elevator modernization contract with a motion by Schafer, second by Nasir; motion passed unanimously. Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Monthly Reports:

Director's Report – sent in packet

Statistical Report – sent in packet

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee

Robnett and Walker

No report. New Board member Cheryl Slagle joined the Finance Committee.

Property/Equipment/Building Committee

Nasir – Schafer - Waechter

The Mexico railing project is still incomplete; we're waiting for the vendor to come and finish up.

The Mexico elevator modernization with Cardinal Elevator is on the schedule for mid-July.

A Cardinal-recommended subcontractor came this month to evaluate what electrical work would need to be done prior to Cardinal Elevator's work.

Robnett arrived during this discussion.

Personnel Committee

Staley and G. Williams

No report.

Unfinished business:

The Friends of the Library will be hosting Chamber After Hours on March 10th from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Many ideas were proposed to increase attendance and showcase the library's services.

New business:

2026 holiday discussion. Motion by Schafer to close all locations on Saturday, December 26th, 2026 and to leave Friday, July 3rd as a floating holiday for full time staff as per standard library policy. Second by Robnett. Motion carried unanimously. Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Mexico telephone line changes. AT&T is discontinuing copper landlines so we're researching other options. Motion by Schafer to accept Director Bruner's recommendation to go with cloud-based VOIP with Towner Communication Systems; Waechter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Staff concerns: None.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., February 25th, 2026 at the Martinsburg Library.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. with a motion by G. Williams, second by Waechter; motion passed unanimously.