

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and to leave Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.