

**NORTH LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
Library Community Room**

**Present:** Allen Bone, George Simpson, Brooke Wegner

**Absent:** Maggie Newman, Valerie Rogers

**Others:** Abbi Dooley, Stephanie Dale, Dave Michie

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING:** Chairman Allen Bone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Brooke moved and George seconded the *motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2026.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT:** George reported there wasn't a February meeting due to the book sale. The next meeting is Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

**FOUNDATION REPORT:** Dave reported that the Foundation continues to discuss fundraising. He is requesting approval to attend the MLA Conference in Great Falls. The next meeting has been moved online to March 3.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Highlights of the written report include:

- The Library has partnered with Partners in Home Care for their grief support group to get more community involvement. This partnership will begin in April.
- The Library has partnered with Mission Mountain Home Care for the monthly Memory Café program. Danika Lisk heads this Dementia Care Partner Program.
- Touchstones is a new dementia friendly program for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.
- Caroline McDonald from the Lake County Conservation District will present about septic maintenance and talk about the maintenance reimbursement program on March 26.
- The AARP Smart Driver Course will be held on March 31.
- Two more monthly programs added to the schedule, LEGO Club and Seed of the Month.
- The Library will be closed March 4, 2026 for Staff Development Day.
- Abbi celebrates 10 years with the Library on March 21.
- Staff and one trustee will be attending conferences in April.
- Tamarack Federation Retreat will be in Polson April 24-25 – Trustee Training available.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Financial:** George moved and Brooke seconded the *motion to accept the January 2026 Financial report as presented*. A question was asked about the attorney's fees in the Michael Ross case. The library has a \$2,500 retainer through the insurance company and it has been paid; additional attorney costs prior to the insurance company's involvement were also incurred and paid. There has been no further information about the court filing at this time. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Monthly Stats Report:** <https://lookerstudio.google.com/s/qlszxWihWqY>. A duplication error was found after last month's discussion and has been corrected.

**1st St. E. Construction Project Update:** George provided an update on the City's road project. There was discussion involving its possible timelines and the effects it will have on the library, especially with parking. Concerns from the Library Director were expressed on a spring start date which would affect the Summer Reading Program and other previously scheduled programs. A fall start date would be preferred. The Director will try to get more information and inform the public when and if necessary.

**Epidemic and Public Health Emergency Policy revision:** George moved and Brooke seconded the *motion to approve the Epidemic and Public Health Emergency Policy as revised*. Several points were clarified. It was noted that this policy will be shelved after these revisions, and if necessary to reactivate will be thoroughly reviewed at that time. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Social Media Policy revision:** Brooke moved and George seconded the *motion to approve the Social Media Policy as revised*. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** at 6:11 p.m. an Executive Session was called to conduct the Library Director's annual review. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the North Lake County Public Library District Board of Trustees is Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Abbi Dooley, Library Director

Minutes taken by Stephanie Dale, Assistant Director