

**GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Jacquese White, President
Ms. Crystal O'Brien, Vice President
Ms. Linda Collins, Secretary
Dr. Lucille Washington, Treasurer
Ms. McKenya Dilworth Smith, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Robert Farag, Member
Mrs. Marlinda Tyson-Haymon, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Diana Morrow, Director
Mr. Curtis Whittaker, CPA
Mr. Brian Muro, Technology Associate
Ms. Merri Roddy, Executive Assistant
Ms. Kelly White, Attorney (Zoom)

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gary Public Library was called to order at 5:17 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2026, by Board President Ms. Jacquese White. Ms. White asked for a roll call. At the time of roll call results: (5) board members were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Ms. White asked for a motion to accept the agenda. It was moved by Ms. Collins Seconded by Dr. Washington. She asked for discussions. There were none. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. White. Motion passed (5) to (0).

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Secretary certifies for the record that the Executive Session held prior to this meeting was held pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1. Agenda, Executive Session of the Board of Library Trustees of the Gary Public Library IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A). Collective bargaining. We certify that only items discussed during the Executive Session were items enumerated in Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1. The Board certifies that the public was duly notified pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5. (Public Notice of Meetings) and

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that no final decisions were made during the Executive Session. Ms. White asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session. Ms. Collins made a motion. Seconded by Dr. Washington. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. White. Motion passed (5) to (0).

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Approval of Regular Board Minutes April 27, 2026 and Special Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2026

Ms. White asked for a motion to accept the Board Minutes from March 23, 2026. Ms. Collins made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ms. O'Brien. She asked for discussions. Dr. Washington had corrections on the minutes for May 18th minutes. Three revisions made on the elections portion of the minutes. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. White. Motion passed (5) to (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources Generalist (New Position)

Ms. Morrow requested board approval for a new position, Human Resource Administrator, with a negotiable salary. The board suggested revising the title from Human Resources Generalist and adjusting the salary range from \$26.50/hour to negotiable, based on experience. Ms. White asked for a motion to accept the new position. Ms. Collins made a motion to accept the new position. Seconded by Ms. O'Brien. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Dr. Washington, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. White. Ms. O'Brien Abstained. Motion passed (4) yes to (1) abstention to (0) no.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mr. Whittaker requested approval from the Board to accept the recommendation to approve agenda items 1 – 4 of the Budget and Finance Agenda. Line item 5 is informational:

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1) Payroll Expense – Actual for May 2026:	\$ 229,524.43
Including:	
Out of Class Pay –May 1, 2026:	\$ 32.82
Overtime –May 1, 2026:	\$ 111.63
Out of Class Pay –May 15, 2026:	\$ 25.41
Overtime –May 15, 2026	\$ 19.10
Out of Class Pay –May 29, 2026:	\$ 21.88
Overtime –May 29, 2026:	\$ 0.00
2) Payroll Expense – Estimate for July 2026:	\$ 160,599.26
3) Unpaid Claims – June 16, 2026:	\$ 38,087.55
4) Pre-Paid Accounts Payable Expenses –May 13, 2026 -June 16, 2026:	\$ 206,941.16
5) Cash on Hand as of May 31, 2026	\$4,495,308.56
	Monthly Interest: \$ 12,994.46
	Annual Interest: \$ 70,741.84

Mr. Whittaker asked the board to approve the report. Ms. White asked the board for a motion to approve the Budget and Finance Agenda. It was moved by Ms. Dilworth Smith and seconded by Ms. Collins. Ms. White asked Mr. Whittaker when the 1st installment of the State funds would be received. He stated that the funds come from Lake County and the deposit will be made around the end of June. She called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. White. Motion passed (5) to (0).

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Hobson reported that they are waiting on a part for air conditioner at Kennedy so it can be repaired the next day. Ms. White asked if the tornado that was in area affected any of the libraries. Mr. Hobson stated that it didn't come near any of our buildings.

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Grayce Gonzalez, Woodson Branch Library Clerk (PT), Effective: June 6, 2026.

INFORMATIONAL

Director's Report

Monthly Management Reports

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Devin Dorsey stated that he wanted to bring attention the fact that staff are still waiting for the 5% pay increase that was approved by the Board November 2025. He stated the increase was supposed to take affect January 2026. Mr. Dorsey asked the board to provide an update on when the increase will be implemented and released to the staff

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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