GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDENSDAY MAY 27, 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
Mrs. Pamela May, Technology Supervisor
Ms. Merri Roddy, Executive Assistant
Ms. Kelly White, Attorney (Zoom)

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gary Public Library was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, by Board President Ms. Jacquese White. Ms. White called 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 to approve the new branch hours for Kennedy and Woodson. Ms. Collins made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Washington. Ms. White asked for discussions. There was none. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington 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)(5). To receive information about and interview prospective employees. IC 5-14-1.6-6.1 (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 that no final decisions were made during the Executive Session. Ms. White asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session. Ms. Dilworth Smith made a motion. Seconded by Dr. Washington. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington, Ms. White . Motion passed (5) to (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Branch Hours for Kennedy and Woodson:

Ms. White requested a motion from the Board to approve the proposed permanent hours of operation for the Kennedy and Woodson Branches, effective Monday, June 8, 2026. The proposed hours are: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; closed Friday and Sunday. Ms. Collins made the motion. Seconded by Ms. O'Brien. Ms. White asked for discussions. Ms. Dilworth asked for a point of clarification that the Saturday hours will not be every other weekend. They will not be. Ms. White called for a vote. Roll call: Ms. Collins, Ms. Dilworth Smith, Ms. O'Brien, Dr. Washington Ms. White. Motion passed (5) to (0).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Tindal asked about the status of staff raises and wanted to know when the new board officers were elected. She requested that board meeting notices be posted in a more conspicuous location. Lastly, she asked that the DVDs be arranged in alphabetical order.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT: Jacquese White
Ms. Jacquese White

VICE PRESIDENT: ____________________
Ms. Crystal O'Brien

SECRETARY: Linda Collins
Ms. Linda Collins

TREASURER: Lucille D. Washington
Dr. Lucille Washington

MEMBER: McKenya Dilworth Smith
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MEMBER: ____________________
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