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GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, March 17, 2026
5:30 PM

Location: Granby Library or Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 4751 3182
Passcode: gMNz7j

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Jen Goertz, Jennifer Tibbetts, Miriam Roskam; Erika Cohen and Laura Jones (online)

Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Emily Pedersen, Anthony Leyba

Public: Maribel Ortiz, Sara Ott; Tracy Atlas, Paul Backes, and Craig (online)

5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Excused absence – Alan Walker
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
None
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Jen Goertz motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
Approved

5:40 p.m.

- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. February Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. March Special Workshop Board Minutes
 - C. Correspondence
 - D. January Bank Reconciliation
 - E. February Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet*Motion to approve the consent agenda with amended March Special Workshop Board Minutes correction.*
Laura Jones motion; Jen Goertz 2nd
Approved

5:45 p.m.

- V. Reports
 - A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
No report.
 - B. Public Comment
Sara Ott spoke on behalf of the WPUA. Checking in with Trustees about the negotiation agreement. She offered support and willingness to answer questions. A special meeting of the WPUA is scheduled for the week of April 7. They are hoping for a response from Grand County Library District.

6:00 p.m.

VI. Business Items

A. Maribel Ortiz- COHS Graduation Recognition

Chris Newell introduced Maribel Ortiz, a recent Career Online High School graduate. She will celebrate with her family and friends in May at Granby Library. Maribel spoke briefly about her experiences with the program and thanked the Board for the scholarship.

B. Review by Executive Director of February GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Degginger gave a review of the past month's progress including projects, events, and statistics as outlined in the Executive Summary. She gave a summary of All Staff Training that was held on March 10. All staff was trained in CPR and the use of AED's. Those devices will be delivered to all branches by May. The Public Library Annual Report (PLAR) has been completed and will be submitted by the deadline. The Kremmling Library Project was discussed. Wember representatives will be attending the April meeting to share information about the owner's rep process.

C. Meeting Calendar

- a. April 21 at Granby Library
- b. April 1 or 15 Town of Fraser (tentative) – Erika, Jeremy if Apr. 15
- c. April 14 Board of County Commissioners Presentation – Miriam, Jeremy
- d. April 28 Town of Granby Presentation – Jennifer, Jeremy
- e. TBD Strategic Plan Retreat
- f. May 19 at Fraser Valley Library
- g. June 16 at Juniper Library
- h. July 21 at Hot Sulphur Springs Library
- i. August 18 at Kremmling Library

D. Strategic Plan Retreat Date Selection

Degginger reviewed the needs for the upcoming staff, Board, and stakeholder retreat and summarized the work that will be done. All Trustees are welcome but not required to attend. Trustees discussed dates that are best. Degginger will finalize dates with the consultant. The retreat will be posted as a public meeting.

E. 2025 Financial Audit

Tracy Atlas and Paul Backes from McMahan and Associates were introduced. They provided an explanation of the audit process and reported on the 2025 Financial Audit. The Independent Auditor's Report and financial statements were summarized. Paul fielded questions from Trustees. Finally, Paul reviewed the auditor's Letter to the Board. Overall, it was a clean audit.

F. Technology Update

Anthony Leyba, IT Manager, reported on current and upcoming technology projects for 2026 and trends in computing. Our new website and redesign are coming through work with Streamline/Civic Plus with a focus on accessibility. DocAccess will be available on the new website to help with pdf

viewability by converting documents to a screen reader-friendly view. NicheAcademy, a training module system, will be available for both patrons and staff. The equipment replacement cycle was summarized and explained for Granby Library. Hardware prices are inflated, which will impact future budgeting. Access control (security) systems were discussed. Verkada has been easy to use and maintain; it will be introduced to Juniper Library this year. AV updates for Fraser Valley Library are scheduled for this year. Room Reservation changes are coming for all locations except Hot Sulphur Springs. An AI presentation was given at All Staff Training to share information about the current landscape and responsible usage.

G. Grand County Library Foundation

Jeremy Krones reported. He is still waiting for information from Sky-Hi News for the digitization project. Tara Thompson shared that income taxes will need to be filed, and an outside entity has been asked to complete that work on behalf of the Foundation.

H. Executive Session: Winter Park Renewal Authority (WपुरA) IGA

24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. Determining positions and development strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators.

As per Colorado Open Meeting Law, I move that we enter Executive Session for discussion of the Winter Park Urban Renewal Authority IGA as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e).

Jeremy Krones motion; Jen Goertz 2nd

Approved

Staff included Mary Ann Degginger and Tara Thompson

Entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

7:55 p.m.

VII. Action Items

A. *Motion to approve the audit as presented.*

Jen Goertz motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd

Approved

B. *Motion for the Board of Trustees to authorize the executive director and board president to execute the agreement with the Winter Park Urban Renewal Authority up to the deadline of April 7 barring any additional information or developments.*

Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Erika Cohen 2nd

Approved

8:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.