
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

Chairperson Theresa Presley presided and convened the regular meeting of Nevada Library Board of Trustees on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Nevada Public Library, 631 K Avenue, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open-meeting law.

The roll was called indicating that the following named Trustees were present and absent. Present: Emma Cassabaum, Joshau Peschel, Theresa Presley, Allison Severson, and James Woodard. Absent: Priscilla Gammon.

Others in attendance were Interim Library Director Julie Ungs, Assistant Library Director Danielle Schmitt, and Donna Mosinski.

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member James Woodard, to approve the agenda as posted. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Woodard, Peschel, Presley, and Severson. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

The board was introduced to the Interim Library Director Julie Ungs.

Rich Brown spoke about volunteering for the Friends of the Library and discussed the need for new volunteers.

Assistant Library Director Danielle Schmitt reported on:

- Programs are going strong.
- There is a donation from a trust that will be coming in a few months.

For Continuing Education, Danielle discussed HF-2490 and the impacts on posting agendas. The City Council has passed Resolution No. 011(2026/2027) in regards to where the official posting of agendas will be. The discussion lasted for 5 minutes.

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member James Woodard, to approve the following consent agenda items as submitted:

- (1) Approve **minutes** of the June 15, 2026 regular meeting
- (2) Approve **minutes** of the July 1, 2026 special meeting
- (3) Approve **minutes** of the July 14, 2026 special meeting
- (4) Approve July 2026 **claims** totaling \$27,327.02 (see attached list)
- (5) Accept and place on file the Assistant Director's **memo** dated July 17, 2026
- (6) Accept and place on file June 2026 financial report

The roll being called, the following named board members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Woodard, Peschel, Presley, and Severson. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

Motion by Board Member James Woodard, seconded by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Library Director's office. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: James Woodard, Emma Cassabaum, Peschel, Presley, and Severson. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

Board Member Derek Grote resigned from the board to accept employment at the library. There will need to be two appointments to the board since Allison had wrote a resignation letter earlier this year but had agreed to stay on until there was a new appointment.

The board discussed the Display Policy and changes needed for the Art Wall. It was discussed to put in a timeframe for the art displayed on the wall and that the waiver be more general so it could be used for several purposes. Staff will make those changes and bring it back to the board.

Motion by Board Member Allison Severson, seconded by Board Member James Woodard, to elect Theresa Presley as Chair, Emma Cassabaum as Vice-Chair, and Priscilla Gammon as Secretary. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Severson, Woodard, Cassabaum, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

The Committee Appointments are as follows:

Technology: Josh Peschel, James Woodard, and Priscilla Gammon

Gift: Emma Cassabaum, James Woodard, and Priscilla Gammon

Budget: Theresa Presley, Josh Peschel, and Emma Cassabaum

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member Allison Severson, to open the library at 7:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026 for RAGBRAI for use of the meeting room and restrooms. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Severson, Woodard, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Board Member James Woodard, seconded by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, to **adjourn the meeting**. The roll being called, the following board members voted. Ayes: Woodard, Cassabaum, Peschel, Presley, and Severson. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried. At 5:48 p.m. she adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Priscilla Gammon, Secretary

Theresa Presley, Chairperson