



**Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
Hussey – Mayfield Memorial Public Library  
Thursday, January 15, 2026  
Whitestown Branch  
Community Room**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 15, 2026, immediately following the Board of Finance meeting, and started at 6:33 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Christine Squier, Sarah Jones, Kevin Culp, Kenyon Kopecky, Matt Doublestein, and Sharon Walker. Staff included Kristin Shelley, Executive Director; Kimberly Lane, Director of Operations; Heather Kidwell, Director of Finance; La'Toya Howard, Bookkeeper; Ezekiel Weldon, Whitestown Branch Manager; Virginia Hilbert, Director of Marketing; Tammy Sander, Marketing Consultant; Mary Gillot, Graphic Designer; Nell German, Teen and Adult Services Head; Lydia Lutz, Outreach Services Department Head; Sarah Childs, Technical Services Department Head; Kaki Garard, Director of Advancement; and Kathleen Murphy, Administrative Assistant.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chris Squier called the meeting to order and opened the floor for public comment. No members of the public in attendance signed up to speak.

**SECRETARY – December Minutes**

*Upon motion duly made by Sarah Jones, seconded by Matt Doublestein, and being unanimously approved, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2025.*

**TREASURER – December Claims**

*Upon motion duly made by Matt Doublestein, seconded by Ken Kopecky, and being unanimously adopted, the Board of Trustees authorized and directed the payment of the outstanding claims through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$673,546.46 as reviewed, approved, and audited by the Director of Finance and approved for payment by the Treasurer.*



The Board approved the Encumbrance Funds Resolution 2026-1-1 to fulfill the financial obligations of 2025.

*Upon **motion duly made** by Matt Doublestein, seconded by Sharon Walker, and being unanimously adopted, the Board of Trustees approved 2026-1-1 Resolution to Encumber Funds in the amount of \$17,142.30.*

### STAFF REPORTS

Teen and Adult Services – Nell German updated the Board on the current and proposed programming for Zionsville and Whitestown branches for the national *America250 Semiquincentennial* celebration that will include special events, book displays, expert speakers, workshops, and book clubs for all ages focused on the *American250* theme. HMMPL will also partner with local and state organizations.

Finance – Heather Kidwell updated the Board on the 2025 tax draw from property tax received in December 2025 for more than \$1.3 million dollars. The Finance team completed and submitted the 100R report to the county on January 7, 2026. The 100R report to the state is in progress and is due on January 31, 2026. The Annual Financial Report (AFR) is also in progress and is due by March 1, 2026.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Squier introduced Kevin Culp as the new Board member who will serve as treasurer in 2026. Chris also reported that the Board held an executive session to review the petitions that were submitted to the Board by the public in November 2025. Chris Squier read the *HMMPL Board Response to Petitions* to the people present and announced that the *Board Response* will be posted on the HMMPL website. Chris then proposed the Slate of Officers for 2026 and shared the proposed Board 2026 committees in a handout for Board approval.

#### Proposed Slate of Officers 2026

President – Chris Squier  
Vice President – Colleen Hittle  
Treasurer – Kevin Culp  
Assistant Treasurer – Matt Doublestein  
Secretary – Sarah Jones  
Assistant Secretary – Sharon Walker



*Upon **motion duly made** by Matt Doublestein, seconded by Sarah Jones, and being unanimously adopted, the Board of Trustees opened the nominations of officers for 2026.*

President: Christine Squier  
Vice-President: Colleen Hittle  
Treasurer: Kevin Culp  
Asst Treasurer: Matt Doublestein  
Secretary: Sarah Jones  
Assistant Secretary: Sharon Walker

*Upon **motion duly made** by Matt Doublestein, seconded by Sarah Jones and being unanimously adopted, the Board of Trustees closed nominations for the 2026 slate of officers and approved the nominees as presented.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

As part of the Personnel Committee, Chris Squier made a motion to approve the raise and bonus of Executive Director Kristin Shelley.

*Upon **motion duly made** by Chris Squier, seconded by Sharon Walker, and being unanimously adopted, the Board of Trustees approved the Executive Director's raise at 4% and a one-time bonus of \$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2026.*

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director's Report: Kristin Shelley reviewed the highlights of the Director's Report, covering key outcomes in Friends of the Library fundraising and year-end patron use statistics.

Personnel Report: Kristin shared that Virginia Hilbert's retirement party will be held on January 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interviews continue for the MakerStudio specialist for the Zionsville branch.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chris Squier reminded members that Victor Landfair from Skillman Corporation will present at the February meeting about the facilities study. Ken Kopecky also suggested that Board members report to each member's appointing body. Ken will be meeting with the Boone County Commission to discuss achievements. Kristin will help to coordinate meetings with Board members and their appointing bodies this spring as well as with local town councils and other government groups.



### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was changed to Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Community Room at the Whitestown Branch.**

### ADJOURN

*Upon **motion duly made** by Matt Doublestein and seconded by Sarah Jones, and being adopted, it was resolved that there being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.*

  
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Sarah Jones, Secretary

2026 Library Board: Christine Squier, Colleen Hittle, Kevin Culp, Sarah Jones, Kenyon Kopecky, Matt Doublestein, and Sharon Walker

## HMMPL Board Response to Petitions

As a public institution, our mission is to serve and support all members of our community. Recently, we have received petitions both in favor of and against materials in our collection and the placement of those materials. We want to acknowledge the passion and concern expressed by community members on this issue and affirm that the library exists as a space for everyone, reflecting the diversity of perspectives, experiences and values within our community.

We understand that not all materials will resonate with every person, and that differences of opinion are part of a vibrant, democratic society. At the same time, it is our responsibility to ensure that our collection represents the breadth of voices and experiences that make up our community. Our Material Selection Policy, which is based on best practices developed by professional librarians, can be found at this [link](#). The Board and library staff have thoughtfully developed the policy and follow it diligently in selecting library materials.

As we do on a regular basis, we will continue to review and revise our policies as needed, guided by our values of inclusivity, respect, and service to all. We encourage ongoing dialogue and welcome community input as we strive to uphold our mission.