

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026 5 PM  
LIBRARY 21C - VENUE



**VIRTUAL MEETING (ZOOM)**

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Please arrive or log in (if attending virtually) early. Meeting room doors will open by 4:30 p.m.***

***The virtual meeting will open by 4:45 p.m.***

***The Board President will invite agenda-related public comment(s) before Business Items are discussed.  
One hour of public comment for items not on today's agenda will occur before the end of the meeting.  
One public comment per person.***

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Aaron Salt, Vice President Erin Bents, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Smyth, Austin Jurgensmeyer, Kenny Kuniyuki, Scott Taylor

Absent: Angela Dougan

CEO Teona Shainidze-Krebs, Chief Communications & Marketing Officer Denise Abbott, Chief Human Resources & Organizational Development Officer Timothy Allen, Chief Facilities & Security Officer Michael Brantner, Senior Librarian Heidi Buljung, Friends of PPLD Volunteer & Sales Operations Coordinator Beth Crumrine, Monument & Palmer Lake Library Manager Jean Doherty, Director of Regional History and Genealogy Michael Doherty, Interim Calhan and High Prairies Libraries Manager Mikaela Fortune, Executive Assistant Laura Foster, Employee Relations Manager Wendi Gowing, Chief Financial Officer Kim Hoggatt, Assistant Director of Branches Gigi Holman, Security Operations Center Manager Sam Howard, Assistant Director of Branches Takiyah Jemison, Senior Director of Public Services, Janina Karoub, Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Directors Vice President Dr. Birdie Miller, Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Directors President Rita Jordan, Chief Operating Officer (COO) Heather Laslie, Library 21c Manager Jennifer Luebbert, Manitou Springs & Ute Pass Library Manager Taryn Malila, Community Engagement Manager Kim Melchor, Fountain Library Manager Tim Morris, Interim Controller Shannan Pfoh, Director of Collection Management Jenny Pierce, AV Analyst and Photographer Logan Puente, Director of Organizational Development Joanna Rendon, Sand Creek Libraries Manager Sara Sharples, Chief Information Technology Officer Dan Stone, Public Services Administrative Specialist Nicole Taylor, Senior Director of Development and Foundation Executive Director Courtney VanCleave, Internal Communications and Special Projects Manager Jeremiah Walter, Director of Security Tess Warren, City Councilmember Nancy Henjum, County Commissioner Lauren Nelson

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Aaron Salt called the February 18, 2026 regular meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**

None

**REPORTS**

**Internal Affairs Committee**

Kenny Kuniyuki shared that CFO Kim Hoggatt provided an overview of TABOR and the impact of SB 24-233 and HB24b-1001 on PPLD tax revenue. The three (3) decisions on today's agenda were also discussed.

**Public Affairs Committee**

The committee did not meet in February.

## **Governance Committee**

The committee did not meet in February.

## **Trustee comments**

Kenny Kuniyuki recognized Clara Stanton Jones, the first Black president of the American Library Association (ALA), and the first African American and first woman director of a major U.S. library system, the Detroit Public Library.

## **Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Report**

The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District report was included in the Board packet. Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Directors President Rita Jordan stated the next Book Sale will begin the second weekend of March. The Friends will hold a Strategic retreat in April.

## **Pikes Peak Library District Foundation Report**

The Pikes Peak Library District Foundation Report was included in the Board packet. The end-of-year giving campaign resulted in over \$124,000 in December 2026. Senior Director of Development and Foundation Executive Director Courtney VanCleave announced that invitations to the April 18 Night at the Library Gala will be mailed later this week.

## **Financial Report January 2026**

The January 2026 Financial Report was included in the Board packet. CFO Kim Hoggatt shared that the donation line in the report has been split to reflect donations of the PPLD Foundation and the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District separately.

## **Public Services Report & Key Library Statistics**

The Public Services Report & Key Library Statistics were included in the Board packet. Senior Director of Public Services Janina Karoub shared that the Winter Adult Reading Program (WARP) registration is over 6000. Collection Management has added materials to the collection that were on hold due to the transition to the new Integrated Library System ( ILS). PPLD is recognizing the 250th anniversary of the U.S. and the 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood by hosting Ses-qui-semi-quincentennial celebrations across the district through 2026. The Key Library Statistics report has replaced the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) report previously provided. This report includes new statistics and will highlight various aspects of District activity each month.

## **Support Services Reports: Communications; Facilities & Security; Human Resources; Information Technology, Strategy & Innovation**

The Support Services reports were included in the Board packet.

## **CEO Report**

CEO Teona Shainidze-Krebs asked Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Denise Abbott to provide an update on PPLD's 150/250 celebrations and COO Heather Laslie to provide information on a partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU).

The 150/250 celebrations will take place around the district this year, beginning with the Regional History & Genealogy Open House on January 24, 2026. Donations received so far include \$10,000 from the PPLD Foundation, \$6,000 from Ramos Law, Ellie Mental Health is supporting the Monument Library celebration, and \$10,000 was donated by the Colorado Springs Airport in support of the PPLD passport program. Additional sponsors are being sought.

The partnership with CSU is an effort to maximize water usage and would involve a temporary easement in the East Library satellite parking lot to complete the work. Conversations continue regarding compensation for the easement and the potential for a permanent easement in the future.

All surveys and tests have been completed and PPLD closed on the purchase of the 3924 Pony Tracks property yesterday. The next phase of this project will include meetings with the community and fundraising.

The Strategic plan Q3 2025 report was included in the Board packet. Highlights are completion of the World Language project in quarter 3 that gathered all adult reading materials into a single collection, a final draft of the Institutional Archives policy in Regional History and Genealogy, and the Safety & Security Department reworking their 5-year plan to better align with the District's current goals and priorities.

The PPLD 2025 Highlights were included in the Board packet. Ceo Teona Shianidze-Krebs pointed out someof the included highlights.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Consent Items**

Minutes of January 21, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting  
Consent items were accepted as presented.

### **New Business**

#### **DECISION 26-2-1: 2025 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Resolution**

The 2025 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Resolution was included in the Board packet.

**Motion:** Erin Bents made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the 2025

Supplemental Budget Adjustment Resolution as presented

**Second:** Kenny Kuniyuki seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was approved unanimously.

**DECISION 26-2-2: 2025 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Special Revenue Fund Resolution**

The 2025 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Special Revenue Fund Resolution was included in the Board packet.

**Motion:** Kenny Kuniyuki made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Special Revenue Fund Resolution as presented

**Second:** Scott Taylor seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**DECISION 26-2-3: 2026 Supplemental; Budget Adjustment Capital Fund Rollover Resolution**

The 2026 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Capital Fund Rollover Resolution was included in the Board packet.

**Motion:** Kenny Kuniyuki made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the 2026 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Capital Fund Rollover Resolution as presented:

**Second:** Erin Bents seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED TO TODAY'S AGENDA**

Karla Powers shared that recognizing Black History month is acknowledging history and asked the Board to reconsider not celebrating national initiatives

Katie Czukas stated that Black History month is celebrated in school libraries and other libraries in the region, and PPLD should celebrate also.

Barbara Bowen, a Friends volunteer, objects to PPLD not providing cultural displays. Young people need to see these displays and PPLD is responsible for providing resources.

Zuri Horowitz believes that cultural displays accurately represent our history and not providing these displays hurts everyone. Allow librarians to use their skills to fully share our history.

Joe Pelka would like discussions to occur in a public forum so the community can provide input. Please project the packet on the screen during meetings. President Aaron Salt clarified that the packet is available on the Board webpage.

Lynn A Williams voiced strong opposition to PPLD not recognizing Black History month, referencing the PPLD Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 sections regarding community connections and spaces. Inclusion is found in the celebration of all cultures. Please realign with the Strategic Plan.

Anissa Jones asked the Board to reconsider recognition of Black History month and other cultural display decisions. Learning about diverse cultures, understanding and embracing diversity and appreciating all contributions to our country is gained by visiting libraries. Children are missing out on this as a result of PPLD's decision.

Hannah Kornblatt stated that PPLD is leaving a larger gap than we are filling by not recognizing Black History month and other identity-based celebrations. All cultures deserve to be celebrated. PPLD is minimizing inclusion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Aaron Salt adjourned the February 18, 2026 regular meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees at 5:55 p.m.