

Defiance Public Library Board of Trustees
Organizational Meeting
January 29, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Defiance Public Library met to re-organize on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at the Defiance Public Library; notice of said meeting pursuant to O.R.C. 121 having been posted.

President Laura Rath Connor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. In attendance were board members: Dennis Sobecki, Shari Hedge, Chris Korhn, and Beth Michel. Board member Ken Boroff was absent. Staff members: Director Cara Potter, CFO Nancy Roehrig, and DFO Elaine Talbert. Visitors: Judy Hasch, Madalyn Hedge, and David McMaster, Defiance City Council President.

Fiscal Officer Appointments and Bonds

Dennis Sobecki moved and Chris Korhn seconded the motion to appoint Nancy Roehrig as Chief Fiscal Officer, effective January 29, 2025. Motion carried.

Beth Michel moved and Shari Hedge seconded the motion to appoint Elaine Talbert as Deputy Fiscal Officer, effective January 29, 2025. Motion carried.

Dennis Sobecki moved and Chris Korhn seconded the motion to set the Chief Fiscal Officer's bond at \$50,000 and the Deputy Fiscal Officer's Bond at \$10,000 effective January 29, 2025. Motion carried.

Administration of Oaths of Office

Council President McMaster administered the oath of office to Deputy Fiscal Officer Elaine Talbert.

Do you solemnly swear, or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as Deputy Fiscal Officer of the Defiance Public Library, Defiance County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted, during your term of office?

Council President McMaster administered the oath of office to Chief Fiscal Officer Nancy Roehrig.

Do you solemnly swear, or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Defiance Public Library, Defiance County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted, during your term of office?

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Council President McMaster administered the oath of office to new Library Board member S.G. Brugler.

Do you solemnly swear, or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Defiance Public Library, Defiance County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted, during your term of office?

David McMaster left the meeting at 5:05 pm

Election of 2024 Officers of the Library Board

Dennis Sobecki moved and Shari Hedge seconded the motion to nominate Laura Rath Connor for President, Beth Michel for Vice President, and Chris Korhn for Secretary. Motion carried.

2025 Committee Appointments

Chris Korhn moved and Beth Michel seconded the motion to appoint the following committee assignments:

Committee	Chair	Member	Member
Branches and Outreach	Chris Korhn	Beth Michel	Laura Rath Connor
Building and Lands	Chris Korhn	S.G. Brugler	
Finance	Ken Boroff	Laura Rath Connor	
Library Policy	Dennis Sobecki	Ken Boroff	Beth Michel
Personnel	Beth Michel	Laura Rath Connor	

Motion carried.

2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

Shari Hedge moved and S.G. Brugler seconded the motion to establish the schedule for regular board meetings on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm, with special dates for November and December as follows:

Date	Time	Location
February 26, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
March 26, 2025	5:00 pm	Sherwood Branch Library, Sherwood
April 30, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
May 28, 2025	5:00 pm	Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville
June 25, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
July 30, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
August 27, 2025	5:00 pm	Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville
September 24, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance

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Date	Time	Location
October 29, 2025	5:00 pm	Sherwood Branch Library, Sherwood
November 19, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
December 17, 2025	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance
January 28, 2026	5:00 pm	Main Library, Defiance

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by President Laura Rath Connor at 5:14 pm.

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