

Defiance Public Library Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
May 7, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Defiance Public Library met for a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Defiance Public Library; notice of said meeting pursuant to O.R.C. 121 having been posted.

Vice President Beth Michel called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. In attendance were Board members: Chris Korhn, Tammy Bowers, and Jenny Derringer. Dennis Sobeki, Sheri Hedge, and Rob Gesigie were absent. Staff members present: CFO Kristi Keefer and Elaine Talbert. Director Cara Potter attended via Zoom.

Visitors: Jake Dible and Todd Helberg.

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The Board of Library Trustees (the “Board”) of the Defiance Public Library System, Defiance County, Ohio (the “Library”), a free public library of the City of Defiance, Ohio (the “City”) as taxing authority met in special session on May 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Defiance Public Library System, 320 Fort Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, with the following members present: Beth Michel, Chris Korhn, Tammy Bowers and Jenny Derringer.

Ms. Chris Korhn introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEFIANCE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE CURRENT TAXABLE VALUE OF THE DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SERVICE AREA, DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO AND THE AMOUNT TO BE GENERATED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLECTION OF A RENEWAL WITH INCREASE TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AND RELATED MATTERS

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23, 5705.25)
Renewal with Increase Library Current Expense Levy

WHEREAS, the Library is currently levying a 0.75 mill, five-year current expense levy (the “Existing Levy”), which Existing Levy was approved by the electors of the Library Service Area on November 8, 2022, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in the 2022 tax year for collection in years 2023 through 2027;

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the Library Service Area, the question of renewing all of the Existing Levy with an increase of .9 mills to constitute a tax of 1.65 mills;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Defiance County, Ohio (the “County Auditor”), in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of a renewal with an increase tax for the benefit of the Library (the “Renewal with Increase Levy”) outside the ten-mill limitation, must certify to the Board the current total taxable value

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of the Library Service Area, the estimated property tax revenue (rounded to the nearest \$1) that will be produced by such tax based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the renewal with an increase tax (based on the Existing Levy's "effective rate" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q)), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the "county auditor's market value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Defiance Public Library System, Defiance County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members appointed thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. The County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the current total taxable value of the Library Service Area, the estimated property tax revenue (rounded to the nearest \$1) that will be produced by the Renewal with Increase Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal with Increase Levy (based on the Existing Levy's effective rate) expressed in dollars (rounded to the nearest \$1) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value. The Renewal with Increase Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding 1.65 mills for each \$1 of taxable value upon the entire territory of the Library Service Area, for current expenses of the Library, for the following period of time: thirty-five years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

Section 2. The Fiscal Officer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor for certification for the November 3, 2026 election. The Renewal with Increase Levy shall be submitted to all the electors in the entire Library Service Area. All of the territory of the Library Service Area is in Defiance County, Ohio.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Jenny Derringer seconded the motion, and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the results were:

Ayes: Jenny Derringer, Beth Michel, Chris Korhn, and Tammy Bowers.

Nays: None.

The resolution passed.

Passed: May 7, 2026

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DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM,
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer

Board Vice President

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Board of Library Trustees of the Defiance Public Library System, Defiance County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by said Board on May 7, 2026, and that a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the County Auditor of Defiance County, Ohio.

Fiscal Officer
Defiance Public Library System

Meeting adjourned by Board Vice President Beth Michel at 5:26 P.M.

_____, President

_____, Secretary