



Regular Meeting Minutes

Delta County Public Library District

Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Paonia Library, 80 Samuel Wade Rd, Paonia, CO

1. **Call to Order:** Steckel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Lesandre Barley, Kami Collins, Gayle Davidson (absent), Louise Fierro, Paul Frazier, Esther Koontz (Zoom), Kathy Steckel
Staff Present: LaDonna Gunn, Ariel Smith
New Incoming Board Members Present: Cheryl Crews
3. **Agenda:** Motion by Collins to amend Agenda to pull December 10 Meeting Minutes from Consent Agenda. Barley 2nd. Motion passed.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Barley to accept b and c. Collins 2nd. Motion passed.
 - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025:** Collins comment from 6a needs to move to 7b. 7b note that Trustee Steckel and Fierro recused themselves from the votes. Motion to accept the amended minutes by Collins, Barley 2nd. Motion Passed.
 - b. **Library Report to Board – January 2026:**
 - c. **DCL Foundation 2025 3rd Quarter Financials:**
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **December 2025 Financial Report – Kami Collins:** Collins reported on financials. The board discussed. Collins recommended that the Bills & Applied Payments Report be moved to the consent agenda and that if trustees have financial questions, they should contact Gunn. Motion to approve the December 2025 financial statements and Bills & Payments Report by Barley. Frazier 2nd. Motion passed.
 - b. **District Director’s Report – LaDonna Gunn:** Gunn’s report was included in the Trustees packet and covered the following topics: Website/Calendar Update, Patron Comments, Trustee Orientation, Trustee Check-Ins, Paonia Library Manager, Crawford/Hotchkiss Library Assistant—Adult Programming Focus. Gunn provided updates on the following topics: trustee orientation is set for January 29 for Crews along with three other board members. If trustees want to join, they need to let Gunn know.
 - c. **Board Committee Reports:** Executive Committee: employment evaluation for the District Director has been put off until the February agenda; board discussed the roles expected of each member, including Crews, as well as the process of discussing the summary; and recommended adopting the Library Card and Borrowing Policy and repealing the CLC Card Policy, which will be addressed in new business.
 - d. **Library Friends and Foundations Reports:** Michelle Specht (Crawford Friends of the Library): Book sale coming up on February 13 and 14. Will be held in Crawford Town Hall with a special book sale for the Montessori on February 12. February 19 meeting will

address three board openings. Crawford fest was held in an effort to get volunteers (sixty people attended) with very few sign-ups. Pam Stephens (Paonia Friends of the Library): Meeting next Friday the 30 to discuss how to disburse funds to library to spend. Received donation in December for \$15,000 from Berg Foundation. Regular board meeting will be March 6 at 2:00 p.m. to plan annual meeting and potluck at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Crews (DCL Foundation): Elected new officers, Kevin Dawes is Vice President, Claire Hydock is treasurer, Diane Almy is Secretary, and Cheryl is President. Met in December with three goals: increase Foundation board members, solicit more charitable donations that repeat annually, and focus on one Foundation Fundraiser that repeats annually. \$77,881 total with \$6,100 in the checking account and \$71,750 in a CD.

6. Continuing Business:

- a. **Review and Adopt DCLD Bylaws:** Board discussed additional suggested changes by section. Board discussed a potential work session with Attorney present to answer questions regarding public posting of board packet on website. Bylaw adoption tabled until February meeting.

7. New Business:

- a. **Revise Library Card and Borrowing Policy and Repeal CLC Card Policy:** Board discussed. Motion to approve policy with the rewording to second bullet point—The child must accompany the adult to replace the child’s card--by Fierro. Barley 2nd. Motion passed. Motion to repeal the CLC library card policy by Collins. Barley 2nd. Motion passed.
- b. **Review Strategic Plan Outline and Schedule Work Session:** Board discussed process and timeline with Gunn providing additional explanation. February work session: 2/4/2026 at 4:00 p.m. in Hotchkiss. May work session: 5/19/2026 at 4:00 p.m. in Hotchkiss. June work session: 6/24/2026 at 4:00 p.m. in Hotchkiss.
- c. **Acknowledge Outgoing and Incoming Board Members:** Steckel presented outgoing board member, Fierro, with a service appreciation plaque. Welcomed incoming board member, Crews.
- d. **Adopt 2026 Posting Locations for Meeting Notices (Resolution No. 2026-01):** Motion to adopt 2026 Posting Locations for Meeting Notices by Collins. Barley 2nd. Motion passed.
- e. **Approve 2026 Schedule of Meetings:** Motion to approve the meeting dates and locations for 2026 by Fierro. Collins 2nd. Motion passed.
- f. **Elect Officers for 2026:** Board President: Fierro nominated Koontz. Fierro withdrew original nomination and moved to keep same officers as 2025. Collins 2nd. Motion passed. Board President: Koontz. Board Vice President: Steckel. Board Treasurer: Collins. Board Secretary: Barley.

8. **Public Comments:** Laura Major (Paonia): as a public community member she would like to see the streets and water conditions improve in Paonia.

9. **Adjourn:** The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the Cedaredge Library at 4:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Fierro. Barley 2nd. Motion passed. Steckel adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of February 2026:

Lesandre Barley, Secretary, DCPLD Board of Trustees