

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD

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Big Lake – Karen Crandall  
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Willow – Mark Spohn

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Trapper Creek – Virginia Robson  
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## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Big Lake Public Library and Teams**

**Meeting ID: 289 421 144 590**

**Passcode: Zw9Cj63Y**

**January 14, 2025**

**1:00 pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. AGENDA APPROVAL
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. November 12, 2024
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS
  - A. Hugh Leslie
  - B. Librarians
- VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Report to Borough
- X. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Suggestion of book request review form (attached)
  - B. 2025 Plans
- XI. ADVOCACY
- XII. CORRESPONDENCE
- XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIV. NEXT MEETING
  - A. February 11, 2025 at Willow Library
- XV. ADJOURNMENT

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**Meeting Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wasilla Public Library and Zoom**

**November, 12th 2024  
1:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The Meeting on November 12th, 2024, was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chairperson Georgia Knazovich at the Wasilla Library.

**II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

- A. Present were Georga Knazovich, Kathy Kysar, Karen Crandall, Mary Fischer, Mark Sphon, Susan Pougher, Marty Kincaid, and Virginia Robson. A quorum was present.

**III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

- A. Georgia Knazovich moved to approve the agenda without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING**

- A. Karen Crandall moved to accept the minutes seconded by Virginia Robson. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

**VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager:  
Mr. Leslie commented on the Borough budget process and the librarian's proactive budget preparations. He discussed the Library strategic plan that was out for bid and the process by which to participate.
- B. Geri Denkewalter - Talkeetna Librarian: Gave updates on Library programs, usage, and services as well as Christmas events.
- C. Cassidy Drake - Big Lake Library: Commented on the great work done in her absence by her staff and shared about ongoing programs and events.

- D. Julie Mitchell - Willow: Commented on ongoing programs and events, including a winter solstice walk and festival of trees.
- E. Zane Treesh - Wasilla: Gave update on circulation numbers, staffing, and ongoing programs, including the soon implementation of a new RFID product tracking system.

#### VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

- A. Jackie Goforth: Shared her opinion about public comments made about her that she felt were slanderous. While commenting, she was interrupted by the Chairperson, who asked, “Was this someone from the board?” To which she responded, “Yes...It was Kathy Kysar”.
- B. Karen Lewis: Thanked librarians who moved “disgusting” books to adult sections. While commenting on books being made inaccessible to minors, she gestured to Wasilla Librarian Zane Treesh, who responded to her inquiry as a point of order was called from the back of the room, questioning whether this was a comment and answer period or person's to-be-heard; and order was restored.
- C. KJ Martin-Albright: Shared her opinions on reshelving books as a form of censorship and used her remaining time to berate Jackie Goforth for using in her mind dishonest tactics to get books removed
- D. Jeannie Troshynsk: Gave updates on programs and events at the Wasilla Public Library and The Friends of Wasilla Public Library.

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. LCAC: Discussed books under review and the time and location of the next meeting.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Schedule 2025 meetings: The Chairperson, Staff, and board discussed in coordination with Librarians to fill the monthly meeting locations. Virginia Robson made a motion to accept the approved meeting locations and Mark Sphon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### XI. ADVOCACY

- A. None

#### XII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter of Apology from Susan Pougher to the Board.

#### XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Kathy Kysar: Shared her opinions on comments made by LCAC Chair about books made available in local bookstores. She restated that her public criticism on Facebook of a private citizen's role in the challenged materials process was based on public records requested from the Borough.
- B. Karen Crandall: Expressed concern about whether or not the LCAC was effective in removing harmful materials from the Libraries.

#### XIV. NEXT MEETING

- A. January 14th, 2025 - Big Lake Library

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm

# Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

## Personal Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

## Media Information

Title:

Author:

Copyright Date:

Material Type:

- Book
- Video/DVD
- Audio file/CD
- Digital Media
- Other

Material Located at Which Library?

- Big Lake Public Library
- Sutton Public Library
- Talkeetna Public Library
- Trapper Creek Public Library
- Willow Public Library

What do you object in this material? Please cite specific passages, pages, etc.

I acknowledge that the information is correct to the best of my knowledge

- I Confirm the above statement