

**Dolores Library District Board Meeting**  
**January 13, 2026**  
**DPL Community Room**

**Call to Order:** President Sandy Jumper called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Correen Becher, Jeanne Becker, Gina Hernandez, Hassan Hourmanesh, Emily Wisner, and Tamara Woodbury (via phone)

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Director:** Sean Gantt

**Guests:** Dolores Town Council members Shelia Wheeler and Marie Roan, reporters Anna Watson and Gail Binkly, staff members Hannah Carloni and Chey Smith, and community members Holly Asher, Pat & Joel Kantor, Tracy Murphy, Catherine Vogel, Diana Donohue, Peggie Buckholts, and Mark L

**Agenda: Changes and Approval:** Jeanne moved to approve the agenda as presented and Gina seconded. The motion carried upon a vote.

**Minutes: Changes and Approval:** Jeanne moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing as presented and Tamara seconded. The motion carried upon a vote. Sandy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting. Jeanne moved to approve the board meeting minutes of December 9, 2025 as presented. Gina seconded, and the motion carried upon a vote.

**Correspondence and Communications:** Sandy said she received a letter from the Dolores Town Council regarding the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement). They are withdrawing from the IGA which was signed in June of 2024. This issue is being referred to the District's attorney.

**Public Comment:** Sheila Wheeler questioned where donations to the library went. Sandy gave a brief explanation, and Sean explained that it will be covered later in the meeting. Pat Kantor spoke of the history of the Dolores Public Library and praised the Library, Sean, and the staff for the vitality of the Library and the services it offers.

**Financials:**

1. Expenditures: Correen asked about the insurance payment to Pinnacol, which Sean explained is for worker's compensation. Hassan asked about the accrual of expenses. Sandy said that will be done when the auditor looks over the budget.
2. P&L: The report is preliminary for the end of year. Income is slightly less than expected due to unpaid property taxes in the district.
3. Balance Sheet: There were no questions or concerns.
4. Upon request, Gina moved to approve the December expenses, P&L, and balance sheet, Hassan seconded, and the motion passed upon a vote.

**REPORTS**

**Learning Moments:** None

**Director's Report:** Sean spoke about the December activities at the Library and how well attended they were. Youth programming was especially busy. Circulation, contacts, and program numbers are strong. Hassan asked about providing remote video attendance (e.g. Zoom). Sean said if the Board wants to offer that, he would be willing to look into it. He updated the Board on the Town's work on the river bank.

**Finance Committee:** Did not meet. Board members will be notified of the day and time of the next meeting.

**Strategic Plan Update: Board Development:** Sandy read the board development portion of the strategic plan. She said Polly Gallagher of the State Library Board will be in the area at the end of February, and she asked the Board if they'd be interested in a training session with her. It was agreed to meet with her on February 21 and to invite the new board members. Another goal is to develop a matrix of board qualifications.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ratify Attorney Engagement Letter for Legal Services:** Sandy summarized the process she went through to find an attorney. Emily said her understanding was the Board would authorize retaining an attorney before engaging any services. Sandy said she understood the Board gave her the authority to retain an attorney, and time was of the essence as there are pressing issues. After a lengthy discussion, Jeanne made a motion to ratify the attorney's engagement for legal services dated December 11, Gina seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Per Sean's question, Sandy said she would approve any invoices submitted by the attorney. An ad hoc committee of Sandy, Hassan, and Emily was formed to work on the Statement of Work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve 2026 Board Goals:** A draft of goals for the Board to work on during 2026 was included in the Board packet. The goals

were developed after the completion of the Board evaluation. After a long discussion, the Board agreed to approve the goals as presented except to take out the word “public” in the second goal. Jeanne made a motion to approve the 2026 Board Goals as amended. Gina seconded it, and the motion carried upon a vote.

**Review Audit Exemption Process:** Sean explained the process of the audit exemption completed by the District’s auditor, Chris Majors, which is usually done in February.

**Recommend New Trustees for Ratification by Town and School Boards:** After discussion regarding the Town’s withdrawal from the IGA; the need for the attorney to advise the Board regarding it and the by-laws, Gina made a motion to table the recommendation of the new trustees and reviewing the by-laws until a special meeting to be held January 27th at 6:00 p.m. Hassan seconded the motion which carried upon a vote.

**Review Potential Changes to Board By-Laws:** Tabled until January 27 Special Meeting.

**Review Cash Donation Handling Procedure:** Sean explained how cash donations collected at the circ desk cash box are handled. Sandy, Sean, and Jeanne explained how funds are deposited and withdrawn from the Dolores Public Library Foundation Fund through Onward!

**Review Executive Session Policy:** A discussion ensued in which several revisions were suggested. Sandy said she would have the attorney review the policy and suggestions.

**Discuss Information Gathering and Sharing Practices by Other Boards:** Sandy asked for Board members to share any information they have regarding small governmental or special district boards..

**Discuss Procedures for Setting Agenda Items:** Sandy presented three ways to add agenda items: 1) before the agenda is adopted, 2) after the agenda has been adopted (emergency), and 3) when setting the next meeting’s agenda.

**Elect Officers:** The slate of officers nominated at the December meeting are Sandy Jumper, President; Hassan Hourmanesh, Vice President; and Correen Becher, Secretary. A discussion evolved regarding responsibilities if a Treasurer position needs to be added later. Jeanne made a motion to elect the officers as presented, and if the By-Laws are amended in the future the issue will be addressed at the time. Tamara seconded, and the motion passed upon a vote.

**Assign Committee Memberships:** The only standing committee is the Finance Committee. The 2026 Finance Committee members will be Sandy, Hassan, and Correen. A discussion developed regarding transferring funds from the Dolores Public Library Foundation Fund. The process is the Finance Committee makes the recommendation to the DLD Board who directs the Fund Committee to withdraw the funds.

Emily asked that the Board discuss retaining the workplace environment consultant during the January 27th special meeting. Sandy was given permission to contact potential companies. Emily made a motion to discuss hiring the workplace environment consultant candidates at the January 27th special meeting. Hassan seconded, and the vote carried.

Upon conclusion of the meeting, Sandy announced Tamara Woodbury is resigning as a DLD Board Member. She was thanked for her years of service and expertise.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**Proposed Topics for Special Board Meeting, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.:**

- Review changes to By-Laws
- Make recommendations for three new trustees
- Discuss workplace environment consultant candidates

**Proposed Topics for next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.:**

- Review Job Descriptions
- Approve Audit Exemption

Prepared by Correen Becher, Secretary