

**Putnam County Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Called Meeting
June 2, 2026**

Board of Trustees members in attendance: Bryan Payne, Pat Phillips, Diane Duncan, Cindy Putman, and Daniel Rader IV

Putnam County Library staff in attendance: Kathryn Wisinger, Carol Teeters, Spencer Traut, Annette Romero, and Shirlene Stotts

Prior to calling the meeting to order PCL Director Kathryn Wisinger introduced new full-time employees. Annette Romero is the new full-time clerk in the Children's Department. Mrs. Romero holds a Master of Arts in Art Education and has several years of experience in public education. Shirlene Stotts is the new Marketing & Outreach Librarian. Ms. Stotts holds a Master of Library Science from East Carolina University and has several years of experience in North Carolina and Germantown, TN libraries.

- I. Call to Order: Board Vice Chair Bryan Payne presided in the absence of the Board Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Pat Phillips moved to approve the agenda as the order of business for this special meeting, seconded by Diane Duncan and approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comment: Before opening public comment, Vice Chair Bryan Payne reminded those assembled that when recognized they were to announce their name and that each would have 3 minutes to speak with public comment not to exceed thirty minutes. The following individuals were recognized: Dr. Gail Myers and Jeannie Ivey.
- IV. Consideration of Nominees for Recommendation to County Commission: Seven applications for two open Board of Trustee positions were received by the stated deadline.
Prior to opening the floor for nominations, Vice Chair Bryan Payne outlined the nomination and selection process to be followed. The floor would be opened for nominations, allowing any board member to nominate qualified applicant(s) from the seven received by the deadline. After the nominations were closed, the Board would discuss each nominated candidate using the criteria outlined in the Board's nomination and appointment policy and the official position description.
Danny Rader confirmed that the outlined procedure follows *Robert's Rules of Order*. A roll-call vote would then be conducted, with each board member permitted to vote for up to two of the nominees (corresponding with the two vacancies). Nominees must receive a minimum of four votes to be recommended by the Board. Following the vote, a motion would be made to forward the recommended nominees to the County Commission.

Diane Duncan clarified that the nominees recommended by the Board are not guaranteed appointment as the County Commission is the final appointing authority. Bryan Payne reiterated that the County Commission holds the ultimate authority to fill the vacancies.

Danny Rader moved to approve the process as described for considering the seven timely applications, seconded by Pat Phillips and approved unanimously.

Prior to opening the floor for nominations Bryan Payne reviewed the criteria set forth in the position description and the Board's nomination and appointment policy.

The floor opened for nominations.

Danny Rader nominated Maryleigh Bucher and Craig Fickling.

Diane Duncan nominated Gerri Reese.

Pat Phillips nominated Tanya Samples.

Cindy Putman nominated Dr. Gail Myers.

Bryan Payne nominated Dr. Clark Childress.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Discussion ensued.

At the conclusion of discussion, a roll call vote was conducted.

Craig Fickling received 4 votes.

Gerri Reese received 4 votes.

Dr. Clark Childress received 2 votes.

Diane Duncan moved to recommend Craig Fickling and Gerri Reese for the vacant Board of Trustee positions to the County Commission, seconded by Pat Phillips and approved unanimously.

- V. Adjournment: Pat Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Diane Duncan.
The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.