

**Putnam County Library
Board of Trustees Work Session
September 29, 2026**

Board of Trustees members in attendance: President Diane Duncan, Vice-President Bryan Payne, Drew Binkley, Maryleigh Bucher, Gail Myers, Pat Phillips, Danny Rader

Putnam County Library staff in attendance: Kathryn Wisinger, Shirlene Stotts, Carol Teeters

Falling Water Regional Library staff in attendance: Matthew Kirby

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Diane Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Work Session Business
 - A. Nomination Policy: Mr. Rader noted that there is no formal application and indicated the desire for a written application to address criteria, qualifications, and preferred knowledge so that all applicants may be evaluated with consistency. Other topics for discussion were when, how, and where Board vacancies are announced, and the public interview of Board candidates. Mrs. Myers inquired as to why candidates must be publicly interviewed. Mr. Kirby and Mr. Rader responded that this was to conform with the Tennessee Sunshine Law and to provide the transparency that the public has requested. Discussion ensued regarding public interviews of candidates versus evaluating candidates by application and resume. Mr. Rader requested that Director Wisinger create a draft application for the Board to review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - B. Collection Development Policy: Mr. Rader reported that the public is confused by the Reconsideration Policy being included as a part of the Collection Development Policy. He encouraged clarifying this for the public by renaming it the Collection Development and Reconsideration of Materials Policy. Mrs. Myers questioned why the Reconsideration Policy could not be a stand-alone policy. Director Wisinger responded that this had been reviewed at the recent Trustee Workshop and that the state dictates much of the policy of public libraries in Tennessee. Additional titles for the policy were discussed. It was also noted that the words “reconsideration” and “challenge” are used interchangeably. Several suggestions were put forth to clarify what is contained in this policy.
 - C. Public Trust: Discussion centered around how to promote public confidence in the library. Director Wisinger committed to holding public forums/open meetings to answer questions regarding library policies and will report any questions or concerns back to the Board of Trustees.
 - D. Public Comment: Mrs. Duncan indicated her preference to move public comment to the end of each Board meeting in order for the public to be aware of the business conducted and become more knowledgeable of library policies. Additional discussion included the creation of a separate Public Comment policy.
- III. Adjournment