High Plains Library District Friends & Foundation Board of Directors

Regular Session

June 22, 2026

District Support Services

2650 W. 29th St., Greeley, CO 80631

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Meeting Opened at: 4:18PM

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chair Michael Wailes

Present via voice conference: Vice Chair Lisa Taylor, Director Sara Amodio, Secretary/Treasurer Matthew Starr, Executive Director Matthew Hortt

Excused: Director Clark Evans

Absent: Director Amanda Schnirel, Director Annie Epperson

Staff Present: Foundation Director Niamh Mercer, Finance Manager Natalie Wertz, Development Coordinator Christina Hardman, Development Associate Maria Bocanegra

Guests Present: Alanna Moses, Anderson Whitney.

1.2. Approval of Agenda (Action)
Motion: Vice Chair Taylor
Second: Secretary/Treasurer Starr
No discussion
Vote: Unanimously approved; 4

1.3. Approval of February 2, 2026, Minutes (Action)
Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Starr
Second: Director Amodio

Discussion: Director Amodio asked that the February 2,2026 minutes be edited with the correct spelling of her name during item 1.2. Chair Wailes notes that the minutes would be approved with the recommended change
Vote: Unanimously approved; 4

1.4. Public Comment
No Public Comment

2. ITEMS FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

2.1. Icebreaker (Information)
Chair Wailes led the Board in the icebreaker question, "What's the first book you remember falling in love with?"

2.2. 2025 Audit (Action) Natalie Wertz, Finance Manager

Finance Manager Wertz invited Alanna Moses, Anderson, Whitney, to present the 2025 Friends & Foundation Audit to the Board. The Board did not have any questions.

Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Starr
Second: Vice Chair Taylor
Discussion: n/a
Vote: Unanimously approved; 4

2.3. Funding Project Updates (Information)

Director Mercer shared funding reports for projects that received funding support for 2026 projects staff report updates on project outcomes. Reports can be found in the Board packet for this meeting.

2.4. 2026 Fundraising Activities (Information)
Director Mercer shared information regarding upcoming 2026 fundraising events and shared ways the Board could support events and staff. She also shared results from Library Giving Day and the Friends & Foundation Shop.
Vice Chair Taylor mentioned having a great promotional push behind Carnival in the Stacks.

2.5. FINANCE REPORT Natalie Wertz-Finance Manager

Finance Manager Wertz provided financial reports to the Board. Vice Chair Taylor asked if Carnival in the Stacks expenses were noted in the reports provided. Wertz shared that expenses had not been incurred when the reports were pulled, but that staff anticipated event expenses in July and August.

3. FOUNDATION REPORT Niamh Mercer-Foundation Director

Foundation Director Mercer shared Foundation updates with the Board including the introduction of Maria Bocanegra as Development Associate.

4. BOARD COMMENTS

Vice Chair Taylor thanks the finance team for the audits that come back clean. She shares her excitement for Carnival in the Stacks and attending Open House for new building.

Director Amodio shares her gratitude for the Foundation team and looks forward to meeting Maria, as well as excitement to see where the next year can take Friends & Foundation.

Board did not have additional questions

5. CLOSING OF MEETING 5:07PM

Motion: Secretary/Treasurer STARR
Second: Director Amodio
Discussion: n/a
Vote: Unanimously approved; 4

Meeting Ended at 5:07PM

Matthew Starr (Nov 4, 2026 13:41:54 MST)

Secretary/Treassurer:

04/11/2026

Date:

Maria Bocanegra

Recording Secretatry:

04/11/2026

Date: