

PINCKNEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2026
9:30 AM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 am

Present: Shelly Wagnitz, Acting President; Kate Robertson, Board Treasurer; Patti Nicholson, Board Secretary; Judy Wismont, Trustee; Katie Beemer; Mike Szafranski; Julie Amy; Emily Cogswell via Zoom

President's Announcement regarding Public Comment Section

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Beemer introduced herself and stated she is interested in a position on the board. Email statement from Emily Cogswell was read into the record by the board secretary.

Note: Public Comment for this hybrid meeting is made available in advance of the meeting through this publicly available Google Document: <https://forms.gle/JbZBfHEmfhJgpp8R7> or email: pnicholson@pinckneylibrary.org or during the time of the meeting.

SPECIAL ISSUES

- Recommendation of Putnam Twp Library Board Appointee
 - Judy Wismont stated her wishes for a candidate to be a good team player and add expertise in areas the current board is weaker in as well as generally more technology experience.
 - Shelly Wagnitz shared her view on how our library systems make the technology work for our patrons. Technology and information management education are key experiences she wishes for a new board member.
 - Kate Robertson would appreciate someone who is excited to take on our next steps in defining our library. Specifically technology and website design will be next steps in refining how the library serves the public. The library needs to expand the marketing and public relations of how we serve the public.
 - Patti Nicholson wants a candidate who brings a new perspective to the board and help guide the services offered to the public. She also desires technology experience to help round out the team.

Judy Wismont motions to forward our recommendation of Emily Cogswell to fill the vacant Putnam Township board seat for the Pinckney Community Public Library. This is due to her education and experience skill set she would bring to the board. Shelly Wagnitz seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Kate Robertson made a statement memorializing Dolly Parton and her love of books and libraries.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Julie Amy stated that as a business owner she appreciates Katie Beemer's business and community acumen. She feels that the library will be missing out by not having a business owner and community leader such as Katie Beemer on the board. She also stated that the library budget and library in general is under additional scrutiny and the community needs to have access to how the tax dollars are managed.

Katie Beemer suggested to talk to township supervisor and village president regarding the potential for expanding the number of library board seats.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:53 am

Judy Wismont motioned to adjourn the meeting and Shelly Wagnitz seconded. All approve and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Nicholson, Board Secretary