

Pope County Library System
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Atkins Centennial Library
Minutes
August 19th, 2026

I. Call to Order

Gary Rowlands called to order the regular meeting of the Pope County Library Board at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

II. Roll Call

In attendance were BOT members: Gary Rowlands, Chair; Verna Boxnick, Naomi Berry, and Polly Hardin.

Also present were E. Riley Taurone, Director; Amanda Baillie, Assistant Director; Ben Cross, Pope County Judge; Kim Tise, Atkins Branch Manager.

Absent: Luke Heffley, Co-Chair; Deborah Jaques, Director of Finance; and Bill Sparks, Quorum Court Liaison.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board moved to approve the July 16th, 2026, Regular BOT meeting minutes.

Motion: Boxnick

Second: Hardin

Unanimous: X

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

The Board authorized Assistant Director Baillie to create a Storyland Use Policy for their review.

VI. Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Berry

Second: Hardin

Unanimous: X

