

**Marion Public Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2026 – 5:30 PM**

Board President Melissa Pogue called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Sumpter, Mrs. Wilk, Mr. Owen, and Mrs. Pogue.

**Others Present:**

Library Director, Jaime Pitt.

**Purpose of Special Meeting:**

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss Lark's Song's interest in using the Jay House and a potential partnership with the Marion Public Library.

Director, Jaime Pitt presented a draft lease agreement prepared by legal counsel for Board review and feedback. The Board discussed several concerns, including the legal structure of the agreement, inconsistencies within the document, and whether the arrangement constituted a landlord-tenant relationship. Clarification was provided that the document was a draft and not a final agreement.



The Board also noted the importance of ensuring any agreement would fully cover operational costs and be defensible to funding entities. Additionally, a potential conflict of interest was acknowledged, and appropriate steps for transparency were discussed.

After discussion, the Board reached consensus not to move forward with the proposed lease and partnership with Lark's Song. A formal motion will be presented at the next meeting.

The Board further discussed ongoing challenges related to the Jay House, including operational costs, staffing capacity, and alignment with the library's mission. Interest was expressed in exploring alternative options for the property, including evaluating long-term costs and potential future use.

The meeting was adjourned by the board president.

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