

Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

January 7, 2026

Members Present: Svea Maxwell, Tisha Springer, Diana Chalfant, Ashley Dille, Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Kathy Trace, Smanatha Gates, Jessica Sarver, Bridget Washburn, Jeff Ross, and Sarah Fisher

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of December 3, 2025 Minutes

Ms. Richards moved to approve the minutes: Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Community Events

- Athens Photo Project is hiring a part-time photographer
- NAMI Vision Board event - January 9th
- Boys and Girls Club has moved to the Elementary School for grades kindergarten-5th grade; the building in Glouster will now be for grades 6th-12th
- Andrea Andreson, Youth Services librarian in Glouster, will be present at February's meeting to brainstorm ideas and details for the end of the school year party hosted by the Glouster Public Library and Tomcat Bridgebuilders.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The monthly bank statement was reviewed. Ms. Handa moved to approve the November 2025 and December 2025

Treasurer's Report; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Mini- grant review

- For future mini grant reviews, we need to reiterate the need for a project summary, receipts from purchases, and a written report from the applicant.
- Ms. Chalfant was voted to be the keeper of mini-grant details.

VI. New Business

- Ms. Trace proposes a discussion by the board for an upcoming grant opportunity for the drug settlement money that will be awarded over a 20 year period.
- Ms. Fisher will inquire about bringing back the Medi bags at the Kroger Pharmacy.
- Ms. Trace had a meeting with Chris Chmeil who is proposing a recovery house in Gloucester.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Handa moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Fisher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned.

Members

Becky Handa, President Amanda Sawvel, Vice President Diana Chalfant, Secretary Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary Jeff Ross, Treasurer Alice Richards Jerry Marang Ashely Dille

Next Meeting March 4, 2026

Tomcat Bridgebuilders Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2026

Members Present: Becky Handa, Diana Chalfant, Amanda Joseph, Alice Richards, Sarah Fisher, Kathy Trace, Jeff Ross

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Richards moved to approve the October 1, 2025 minutes with corrections; Add Mr. Ross and Ms. Trace as attending the meeting. Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

- Reviewed board member attendance policy.

III. New Goals

- Publish second volume of “Voices from a Small Town” book.
- Ms. Trace has volunteered to do the forward again.
- Will include Highschool voices

- Randy Leite and Rebecca Robinson-Miller to endorse • Releases from the Highschool students still needed
- Will include artwork from students
- Apply for OneOhio Foundation funding
- Initiatives and events to continue supporting/hosting
 - Annual Recovery Walk
 - Community Day of HOPE
 - Red Ribbon Week
 - Operation Street Smart

Training Goals

- Workshops on Gambling
- Staying up to date on new drugs on the street, current events, articles, etc.

IV. Other

- Review OHYES survey results from October 2024
- Next board meeting to be determined.

V. Adjournment

Ms. Handa moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Members

Becky Handa, President	Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary	Jerry Marang
Amanda Joseph, Vice President	Jeff Ross, Treasurer	Kathy Trace
Diana Chalfant, Co-Secretary	Alice Richards Ashley Dille	

February 4, 2026

Members Present: Olivia Kasler, Svea Maxwell, Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Bridget Washburn, Andrea Anderson, Sarah Fisher, Virtual, Amanda Joseph, Wren Hankins

- Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

I. Approval of Agenda

- Correction to agenda, under Members- Vice President, change Amanda Sawvel to Amanda Joseph.
- Mrs. Richards moved to approve the agenda with corrections; Mrs. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Community Speakers/Guest

- Andrea Anderson- Youth Services Librarian at the Gloucester Public Library.
- Tentative date set for end of the school year party scheduled for May 22nd, 2-5pm; will have DJ, fruit, and pizza. TBB will create a budget to sponsor the event. Ms. Handa will be Andrea's point person for this partnership.

III. Approval of January 7, 2026 Minutes

- Corrections: under Community Events, change Andreson to Anderson. Under Treasurer's Report, December's Treasurer's Report was also approved
- Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes with corrections; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Community Events/Youth Programming/Activities

- Parent Cafe - Winter Homecoming
- March 2nd, World Teen Mental Awareness Day at the middle/high school
- March 2nd, Family Literacy Night at the elementary schools
- March 27th, Girl Power formal

VI. Intern Update

- Ms. Kasler is working on updates to the mobile version of the website
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VII. Treasurer's Report

- Budget discussion
- The monthly bank statement was reviewed. Ms. Handa moved to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report; Ms. Fisher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Samantha Gates from Unified Bank will work with Ms. Handa to establish a QR code for book purchases and donations

VIII. Old business

- Ms. Fisher is updating the annual report.

IX. New Business

- Mrs. Trace is applying for more than \$25,000 through the OneOhio settlement funds received by Athens County.
- Next Level Recovery

X. Adjournment

- Mrs. Handa moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting March 4, 2026

Members

Becky Handa, President

Amanda Joseph, Vice President
Diana Chalfant, Secretary

Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Jerry Marang

Kathy Trace

Ashley Dille

Olivia Kasler, Intern

Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

March 4, 2026

Members Present: Becky Handa, Amanda Joseph, Tisha Springer, Diana Chalfant, Kathy Trace, Jeff Ross, Samantha Gates, Bridget Washburn, Svea Maxwell, Rachel Clark, Joy Patton

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm

I. Approval of Agenda Ms. Joseph moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Community Speakers

- Ms. Clark announced possible funding and future partnership opportunities.

- Ms. Handa is working on Volume 2 which will feature youth artwork, and 78 additional essays.
- The school is partnering with a Grandparent program through COAD.
- Appalachian Children's Coalition and APP received funds to work with youth again this summer.
- Took youth to the Ohio Prevention Conference, the youth hosted a workshop where they read their essays.
- The children were invited to the June 10th conference with the Appalachian Children's Coalition which will include awards with legislators annual May 18th at 5:30 p.m. recognition.
- Ms. Gates provided an update on the bench. The website shows 0 donations and is being corrected.

III. Approval of February 4, 2026 Minutes

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes with corrections: Ms. Joseph seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Community Events/Youth Programming/Activities

- The school provided food for parent-teacher conferences. There were 99 attendees at the elementary conference and 40 at the middle school conferences.
- Monday was the elementary spring literacy event. A local author gave a free book to all students and the author read during the day. There was a second book reading in the evening and all families received a second book.
- The annual Girl Power formal is March 27nd at Burr Oak Lodge. Two bus drivers donated their time so it will only be \$65 for fuel and mileage.
- Kidfest is Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, the group discussed sharing a table with the 317 Board. Tickets will be needed for BB volunteers.
- The Appalachian Children's Coalition and Rural Action will be sponsoring "Grow Strong Trimble" on April 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students are prepping the school garden with the Boys and Girls Club. A parent survey will be provided at the event.
- Coffee Hour at HAPCAP returns; Parent Café starts next week.

V. Mini- grant review

- On behalf of Ms. Petit, Ms. Patton discussed the After Prom event with an average of 85-100 students attending and is open to juniors and seniors. Teachers have been helping as well. The mini-grant applications includes inflatables for \$500 (total cost \$675), and incentives \$500. A check with

for incentives will be sent to the church. The check for inflatables will be written after receipt of the invoice from the inflatable company. Ms. Trace moved to approve both mini-grant applications; Ms. Joseph seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Ms. Handa announced she had received a thank you from the Black Diamond Girl Scouts and a copy of their Annual Report. Hillary will provide more Glouster specific details at a later date

VI. Intern Update

There was no update.

VII. Land Bank Update

- Ms. Trace was interviewed regarding the Land Bank and discussed origins and accomplishments.
- The Glouster Mayor is applying for “Historic Downtown” designation.

VIII. Old Business

- A previous discussion regarding QR Codes and more e-based account/donations. Ms. Handa spoke with Tina from the bank. There is a \$10 monthly fee for e-services. Ms. Joseph moved to approve the fee for online services; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- A Skills USA event will be held on March 13th at TCCC; BB will table with a book giveaway.

New Business

- Mr. Ross asked for a smaller unit with the cost being \$30; there is not a unit available. He spoke with the Glouster Eagles who agreed to allow storage upstairs, but access is limited to their open hours. The group decided to move storage items to Glouster Eagles to save storage fees.

Adjournment

Ms. Chalfant moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Joseph seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next Meeting April 1, 2026

Members

Becky Handa, President

Amanda Joseph, Vice President

Diana Chalfant, Secretary

Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Tisha Springer

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