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Library Board Meeting

Proposed Minutes

January 22, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Erin Hooper at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Denise Coté, Kelly Farrah, Brianna Foraker, Erin Hooper, Jonathan Ross, Kevin Yezbick.

Meghan Evoy late with notice.

Director Drew Macaulay and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Kricket Hoekstra also present.

3. Action Required: Approval of agenda

A MOTION BY Foraker and seconded by Farrah to approve the agenda moving the audit to item number 8; passed unanimously.

Evoy arrived at 6:03 pm

4. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*

5. Action Required: Minutes:

A. Approve December 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A MOTION BY Ross and seconded by Coté to approve the December 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

B. Approve January 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

A MOTION BY Coté and seconded by Farrah to approve the January 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

6. Mid-Year Budget Amendments

Macaulay presented suggested mid-year budget amendments, available in supporting documents.

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Ross to approve the budget amendments as presented; passed unanimously

7. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director

Macaulay shared end-of-calendar-year updates and information learned regarding potential costs of replacing elements of the library's aging HVAC system.

8. Presentation of Audit- virtual, by Alyssa Horner of Gabridge & Company

The library was issued an unmodified opinion, the highest level of assurance.

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Farrah to accept the audit as presented; passed unanimously

9. Action Required: Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of December

2025

A MOTION by Coté and seconded by Yezbick to approve the finance reports for December 2025; passed unanimously.

10. Action Required: Proposed 2026 Millage Ballot Language

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Farrah to adopt the proposed language for question one.

Roll Call Vote:

Coté: Yes

Evoy: Yes

Farrah: Yes

Foraker: Yes

Hooper: Yes

Ross: Yes

Yezbick: Yes

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to adopt the proposed language for question two with the removal of the phrase “sustains hundreds of daily visitors.”

Roll Call Vote

Coté: Abstained

Evoy: Yes

Farrah: Yes

Foraker: Yes

Hooper: Yes

Ross: Yes

Yezbick: Yes

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Evoy to add the Building Committee to the lists of Committee Chair Appointments and Committee Appointments; passed unanimously.

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Hooper to approve the agenda with this addition; passed unanimously.

11. Action Required: Board Officer and Committee Chair Appointments:

A. Officer: President

Hooper nominated Farrah, Farrah accepted; passed unanimously.

B. Officer: Vice President

Farrah nominated Hooper, Hooper accepted; passed unanimously.

C. Officer: Secretary

Foraker nominated Coté, Coté accepted; passed unanimously.

D. Officer: Treasurer

Ross nominated Yezbick, Yezbick accepted; passed unanimously.

E. Committee Chair: Art & Exhibitions: Foraker

F. Committee Chair: Friends of the FPL: Farrah

G. Committee Chair: Finance: Yezbick

H. Committee Chair: Personnel: Hooper

I. Committee Chair: Schools: Evoy

J. Committee Chair: Strategic Plan: Foraker

K. Committee Chair: Building: Ross

12. Board Calendar of Events

13. Committee reports:

A. Art & Exhibitions – Brianna. Report in Supporting Documents.

B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly. Report in Supporting Documents.

C. Finance – Kevin. Report in Supporting Documents.

D. Personnel – Erin. Did not meet this month

E. Schools – Meghan. Report in Supporting Documents.

F. Strategic Plan – Brianna. Report in Supporting Documents.

G. Building – Erin. Did not meet this month

14. Action Required: Committee Appointments

A. Art & Exhibitions –

B. Friends of the FPL –

C. Finance –

D. Personnel – Denise Coté

E. Schools –

F. Strategic Plan – Denise Coté

G. Building –

15. Review action items

Macaulay will look into how much it would cost to find out why the line item for federal income tax is smaller than previous years.

A board member will grant Coté access to the board google drive

Macaulay will speak with the Union Stewards about adding the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the public website

Macaulay and Yezbick will get the paperwork to add Coté as a signatory on the library's bank account.

16. Announcements/comments from board members

Hooper plans to attend the next School Board Meeting to introduce herself and ask about the Oakland County ISD ballot question.

Hooper thanked Macaulay for doing a fabulous job.

Yezbick congratulated all the appointed officers, chairs, and Macaulay on her one year anniversary as director.

Evoy thanked everyone for taking on new or additional responsibilities.

17. Adjourn

A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Evoy to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm; passed

unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2026

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