

Minutes
For the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting on
January 20, 2026
(rescheduled from January 14, 2026)
Held in the Main Library Conference Room

Board Members Present: Kari Eickemeyer
Carol Kravetz
Cory Nummer
Rhonda Orr
Raman Singh

Excused: Jennifer Taylor Boykins

Library Staff Present: Cathleen Russ, Executive Library Director
Jeff Crocker, Associate Library Director

Call to Order

President Kravetz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. An attendance roll call vote was taken by Deputy Secretary Eickemeyer. A quorum of five Board members were present.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 20, 2026 MEETING

Moved: Orr
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – the Michigan Department of Civil Rights has dismissed the discrimination complaint filed by the non-resident who wished to use the study rooms.

Public Comment – none.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2025 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING.**

Moved: Singh
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

December 2025 Financial Reports -- were received and filed.

Director's Report -- Was received and filed.

Accounts Payable

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS AND ACCOUNTS DUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$329,821.63 AND RATIFY EXPENSES INCURRED SINCE DECEMBER 10, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,632.70.**

Moved: Orr
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business--none

New Business

REVIEW OF MATERIAL THAT WAS REQUESTED TO BE RECONSIDERED

**MOTION:
MOVE TO RETAIN BIG NATE: PRANK YOU VERY MUCH BY LINCOLN PEIRCE IN THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION, IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION IN THE YOUTH SERVICES AREA, AND WITHOUT A LABEL.**

Moved: Nummer
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDERATION OF JOINT USE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

The board discussed Director Russ’s memo, which provided an overview of the recent history concerning the Joint Use agreement proposed by West Bloomfield Township.

The board then initiated a Closed Session in order to discuss a confidential memo from the library’s attorney, Daniel Schairbaum, pertaining to this agreement.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.268(H) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (I.E. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE MICHIGAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (MCL 15.243(1)(g)).**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The board entered into Closed Session at 6:45 pm.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME OPEN SESSION**

Moved: Nummer
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The board resumed Open Session at 7:10 pm.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO TABLE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Nummer

Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

The board directed Library Director Russ by consensus to prioritize and pursue ownership and clear title to the library property. The board also agreed by consensus that land ownership was separate from a possible Joint Use Agreement.

Deputy Secretary Eickemeyer was excused from the meeting at 7:15 pm. A quorum of four board members was present. Vice President Singh assumed Acting Secretary responsibilities.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY #20, STAFF DEVELOPMENT

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY #20, STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Moved: Orr
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY POLICY #43, EMERGENCY LIBRARY CLOSURES

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE LIBRARY POLICY #43, EMERGENCY LIBRARY CLOSURES**

Moved: Orr
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY #9, WORKING CONDITIONS

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY #9, WORKING CONDITIONS**

Moved: Singh
Second: Nummer
Ayes: Kravetz, Nummer, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Board Comments – Library Director Russ reminded the board members that CAPTRUST, which administers the library’s retirement plans, will make a presentation at the February 11, 2026 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Eickemeyer, Deputy Secretary, 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
Raman Singh, Vice President/Acting Secretary 7:15 pm-7:47 pm