

Minutes
For the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting on
July 8, 2026
Held in the Main Library Conference Room

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

Board Members Excused: Kari Eickemeyer
Jennifer Taylor Green

Library Staff Present: Cathleen Russ, Executive Library Director
Jeff Crocker, Associate Library Director
Laura Rosen, Support Services Manager
Emily Bielski, Circulation Supervisor
Justine Flories, Public Services Librarian
Khailyn Townes, Library Intern

Public Present: Heather and Henry Aldrich
Carly and Reagan Leese
Brynn Hoffman

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JULY 8, 2026 MEETING WITH ONE
ADDITION, #11D: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR LIBRARY
STAFF OFFICES

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

Introduction of library staff members/Correspondence – Russ introduced Support Services Manager Laura Rosen, who had been Westacres Branch Manager and is now working in her current role at the Main Branch. Rosen introduced new Circulation Supervisor Emily Bielski, who comes to the library from Indiana. Russ introduced Public Services Librarian Justine Flores, who is mentoring and training Library Intern Khailyn Townes, as part of the Next Chapter Internship Program. This program introduces high school students to library work. Flores introduced Townes, who gave an overview of her work at the library so far and let the board know that she is working on a project that will bring books to a juvenile detention center.

Public Comment – Henry Aldrich introduced himself; he is a returning member of the Junior Leadership Commission. Reagan Leese introduced herself; she is also a returning member of the Junior Leadership Commission. Brynn Hoffman introduced herself; she is a new member of the Junior Library Commission.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE JUNE 10, 2026 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

June 2026 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 \$252,577.74 AND RATIFY EXPENSES INCURRED SINCE JUNE 10, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,460.51.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business—Update on Library Property Ownership--Russ gave an update regarding the Joint Use Agreement with the Township and the land ownership issue. She also updated the board regarding the Township's plans for Hazardous Waste Recycling Days on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, and Shredding Day on Friday, September 25. The Township plans to hold these events on the Civic Center Campus, despite the closure of the Parks lot. The library may have to close early or completely on some or all of these days, depending on the Township's plans for parking and movement around the campus.

New Business

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO CIRCULATION POLICIES AND ATTACHMENTS.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE LIBRARY POLICY #44, MAKERSPACE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE LIBRARY POLICY #45, PATRON PRIVACY

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:

MOVE TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR LIBRARY STAFF OFFICES FOR \$68,465

Moved: Nummer
Second: Singh

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

Board Comments – Very happy with the outstanding youth programs that have been held so far this summer. Great numbers! Orr’s grandchildren visited and particularly enjoyed the Storybook Trail and the Youth Room. Kravetz appreciates the partnership with the Japan Society of Detroit Women’s Club; they did a wonderful job hosting the crafts on September 27 at the Read Japan Project reception.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Nummer, Acting Secretary