



Board of Trustees Regular Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 4:00pm
McGuire Community Room
610 Woodmere Ave., MI 49686

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Pakieser at 4:00pm. Present were: Pakieser (President), Deyo (Vice President), Odgers (Treasurer) via Zoom, Gedman (Secretary), Vickery, Jones, and Beuthin (Trustees). Also present were: Howard (Director) and Carpenter (Staff).

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by Odgers, SUPPORTED by Deyo, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

4. **Public Comment**

President Pakieser opened the floor for public comment. The following people addressed the board: Bill Wiesner, Elmwood Township, discussed the lack of books in the library that provide information in opposition of homosexuality.

5. **Consent Calendar**

- a. *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of April 17, 2025*
- b. *Department Reports*
- c. *Finance and Facilities Committee Report – did not meet*
- d. *Policy and Personnel Committee Report – did not meet*
- e. *Financial Report*
- f. *Member Library Communications – FLPL | IPL | PCL*
- g. *Friends of TADL Report – Jud Barclay, President*
- h. *Correspondence*

It was MOVED by Beuthin, SUPPORTED by Gedman, to accept and affirm receipt of the Consent Calendar items as presented. Motion CARRIED.

6. **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

There were no items removed from the consent calendar.

7. **Director Report**

Howard confirmed her written report and noted that TADL staff and the Bookmobile will be joining Northern MI E3 and NMC for a Juneteenth celebration and providing booklists, craft activities for children, and face painting. TADL is partnering for the second time with Feeding America West Michigan and will be providing free lunches to youth and teens from June 2 through the end of August. Howard also reviewed and answered questions from the board on multiple federal news items and IMLS funding updates included in her Director Report.

8. **Old Business**

a. *Strategic Plan Preparation Discussion*

Howard provided the board with a backdrop of survey questions from the prior strategic plan, a general timeline for the upcoming strategic plan, and encouraged trustees to begin brainstorming their thoughts about the next 3-5 years prior to September's strategic planning study session. Pakieser and Beuthin both volunteered to be on the Strategic Planning Committee.

9. **New Business**

a. *Approval of Awe Computer Payment*

It was MOVED by Jones, SUPPORTED by Deyo, to approve of the purchase of the new AWE Learning Computers for the not to exceed amount of \$59,000. Howard noted that the AWE computers are learning computers for children with literacy, math, and other programs loaded into the computer. They do not connect to the internet. The last time the computers were updated was 2019 and they can no longer be updated. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Beuthin – aye

Gedman – aye

Deyo – aye

Pakieser – aye

Jones – aye

Vickery – aye

Odgers – aye

Motion CARRIED with 7 aye.

10. **Public Comment**

President Pakieser opened the floor for public comment. The following people addressed the board: Bill Wiesner, Elmwood Township, offered additional information related to his first public comment.

11. **Trustee Comment**

Beuthin welcomed the students attending the board meeting and highlighted TADL's partnership with the local schools which annually provide library cards and access to resources to all the students. President Pakieser thanked the students for attending the meeting.

Deyo recommended viewing the historical documentary called Free for All: The Public Library which is available on PBS.

12. **Closed Session (if needed)**

A closed session was not needed.

13. **Adjournment**

With a motion to adjourn by Odgers, supported by Jones, President Pakieser adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by board vote on June 19, 2025

V. Carpenter, Recording Secretary

S. Gedman, Board Secretary