



Board of Trustees Strategic Plan Study Session MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4:00pm

Peninsula Community Library

2893 Island View Rd., Traverse City, 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); Gedman (Secretary, arrived at 4:14pm); Beuthin (left at 5:00pm), Vickery, and Jones (Trustees). Also present were: Howard (Director); Jan Davidson (MCLS Strategic Planning Consultant); Baldwin, 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 Jones, 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: Vicki Shurly, Director of Peninsula Community Library, noted that as a small Class 2 library PCL would not be able to offer their patrons all that they do without the support of TADL. She also provided an update regarding the PCL Board's decision to proactively move funds held with the Township to another financial institution in light of the current lawsuit between the Township and peninsula wineries. Michele Howard, Director of TADL, gave a brief update on the State budget progress as it relates to libraries. Staff has been making contingency plans in case access to MelCat and other databases was removed from the budget.

5. **Board Focus Group Discussion**

Jan Davidson, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) strategic planning consultant, gave an outline of the strategic planning process and review of what had been done so far. She led the trustees through a focus group discussion of the data collected and reported in a community engagement report and a discussion of how the library might help meet the community's aspirations and concerns from the Board's viewpoint. Davidson then described the next steps in developing the strategic plan and expects to have a final plan for board approval at the December board meeting.

6. **Public Comment**

President Pakieser opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Jones announced he would not be continuing on as Trustee after his term ends December 31, 2025.

7. **Adjournment**

With a motion by Odgers, supported by Gedman, President Pakieser adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by board vote on October 16, 2025

V. Carpenter, Recording Secretary

S. Gedman, Board Secretary

APPROVED