



Board of Trustees Regular & Annual Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2026 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 4:02pm. Present were: Pakieser (President), Gedman (Secretary), Beuthin and Deyo (Trustees), and BeVier (incoming Trustee). Odgers (Treasurer) and Vickery (Trustee) were absent. Also present were: Howard (Director); 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. **Trustee Re-appointment Oath of Office**

Secretary Gedman administered the Oath of Office to Marika BeVier, Grand Traverse County appointee, and Paul Deyo, re-appointed by Grand Traverse County. BeVier and Deyo both positively affirmed their oath of office.

President Pakieser welcomed Trustee BeVier and welcomed back Trustee Deyo.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Howard requested the addition of New Business item c, Carnegie building RFP discussion. It was **MOVED** by Deyo, **SUPPORTED** by Beuthin, to approve the agenda with Howard's request as presented. Motion **CARRIED**.

5. **Public Comment**

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

6. **Annual Meeting**

a. *Election of Officers*

The proposed slate of officers for 2026, made by the nominating committee of President Pakeiser and Vice President Deyo consisted of: Pakieser (President), Vickery (Vice President), Gedman (Secretary), and Deyo (Treasurer). With the acceptance by the recommended officers and no other nominations made, it was **MOVED** by Beuthin, **SUPPORTED** by Deyo, to support and accept the 2026 slate of officers as presented. Motion **CARRIED**.

b. *Committee Appointments*

It was **MOVED** by BeVier, **SUPPORTED** by Gedman, to approve the proposed committee appointments consisting of: Policy and Personnel Committee – Vickery (Chair), Beuthin, and Odgers; Finance and Facilities Committee – Treasurer Deyo (Chair), Gedman, and BeVier. Motion **CARRIED**.

Deyo propped a change to the start time of the Finance and Facilities Committee from 2pm to 4pm. There was no request to change the 10am time of the Policy and Personnel Committee. It

was MOVED by Deyo, SUPPORTED by BeVier, to adopt the start times discussed. Motion CARRIED.

- c. *Approval of Board Meeting Schedule February 2026- January 2027*
It was MOVED by Deyo, SUPPORTED by Gedman, to approve the 2026/2027 Regular Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Beuthin requested a change to the start time from 4pm to 4:30pm. Gedman confirmed with Howard that this change would work for the staff who need to attend the meeting. Motion CARRIED.
- d. *Approval of TADL Main Library and Branch Operational Hours and 2026 Closure Dates*
It was MOVED by BeVier, SUPPORTED by Gedman, to approve the main library and branch operational hours and closure dates for 2026 as presented. Motion CARRIED.
- e. *Approval of TADL Main Library and Branch Operational Hours and 2027 Closure Dates*
It was MOVED by Beuthin, SUPPORTED by BeVier, to approve the main library and branch operational hours and closure dates for 2027 as presented. Motion CARRIED.
- f. *Annual Conflict of Interest Statement | Annual Ethics Statement*
President Pakieser asked the trustees to fill out the required annual conflict of interest statement and the annual ethics statement as directed in policy and to return them to Carpenter for the record.

7. **Consent Calendar**

- a. *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024*
- b. *Department Reports*
- c. *Finance and Facilities Committee Report – January 7, 2025*
- 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 Deyo, SUPPORTED by Beuthin, to remove item 8f, Member Library Communications, and to accept and affirm receipt of the remainder of consent calendar information as presented. Motion CARRIED.

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

Vicki Shurly, Director of Peninsula Community Library (PCL), noted that the PCL Board President had resigned and a new President would be appointed soon. Due to a new demand for Lego kits for adults, 22 kits were added to the collection and the library has already received donations to buy more. Shurly thanked TADL for all it does for PCL. Because of the support and sharing of services PCL is able to offer much more than a typical Class 2 library can.

9. **Director Report**

Howard confirmed her written report and added the following:

- Nearly 1.5 million items were circulated in the district in 2025.
- Howard attended the Governor first literacy conference in December and was very encouraged by Governor Whitmer’s priority for literacy and her plans to provide more state funding for local libraries.

- Howard also attended former State Librarian, Randy Riley’s memorial service. He was the State Librarian since 1988 and hundreds of people came to celebrate his life and all the powerful things he did for libraries over the years.

Deyo inquired about the drop in new patron accounts. Howard explained that many factors affect the statistics such as patrons who use electronic resources only and fluctuations in the number of new residents in the area, among others, however, given ebbs and flows the total card holders generally hover around 60,000.

10. New Business

a. *Resolution – 2026 Member Library Agreement Payments*

It was MOVED by Gedman, SUPPORTED by Deyo, to approve the member library payments, which were calculated per the member library agreements in the following amounts: Fife Lake Public Library, \$267,025.00; Interlochen Public Library \$343,318.00; and Peninsula Community Library \$397,086.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

BeVier – aye	Beuthin – aye	Pakieser – aye	Deyo – aye
Gedman – aye	Vickery – absent	Odgers – absent	

Motion CARRIED with 5 ayes and 2 absent.

b. *Resolution – Annual Approval of Routine Invoices over \$25,000*

It was MOVED by Gedman, SUPPORTED by Jones, to approve payment of the annual routine invoices over \$25,000 as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

BeVier – aye	Beuthin – aye	Pakieser – aye	Deyo – aye
Gedman – aye	Vickery – absent	Odgers – absent	

Motion CARRIED with 5 ayes and 2 absent.

c. *Carnegie Building RFP Discussion*

Howard explained that she had been considering alternative locations for the library’s Local History Collection since the end of 2024. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued by the City of Traverse City for usage of the Carnegie building on Sixth St. One requirement of the RFP is a letter from officers of the organization interested in submitting a proposal. Having already discussed it with the Finance and Facilities Committee, Howard was asking the board for permission to pursue the RFP. It was MOVED by Gedman, SUPPORTED by Beuthin, to authorize the Director to pursue the Request for Proposal issued by the City of Traverse City regarding interest in the Carnegie building on Sixth Street.

Deyo raised concerns about making a commitment when the RFP does not include all necessary information to make a wholistic decision such as access to the Con Foster materials, cost feasibility, maintenance responsibilities, partnering options, etc. After much discussion, the board agreed that they want to support the possibility of using the Carnegie building to house the Local History Collection and provide a community space that supports engagement, sharing, and passion for historical preservation. A vote was taken on the above motion. Motion CARRIED.

11. Public Comment

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

12. Trustee Comment

Beuthin welcomed BeVier to the board, thanked Deyo for his research on the RFP, and offered condolences to fellow trustee Odgers on behalf of the board.

Deyo briefly discussed social media and a possible Bill restricting smartphones in K-12 schools. He emphasized that TADL has a great opportunity in continuing to provide and expand alternative activities for youth.

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

A closed session was not needed.

14. **Adjournment**

With a motion to adjourn by Gedman, supported by Deyo, President Pakieser adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by board vote on March 19, 2026

V. Carpenter, Recording Secretary

S. Gedman, Board Secretary

APPROVED