

PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by President Kim Block.

Present: Kim Block, Laura Dinon, Ann Ingles, Amy Janssens, Trevor Nelson (arrived at 5:15) Brielle Burris, student board member, and Val Meyerson, Library Director. All board members were present.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2026 were approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Bills: Payment of the bills for August 2026 was approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report on Financial Statements: There were no questions.

Reports:

- Friends of the Library - Lori Smith reported that the Friends participated in the Women Can, Women Do event recently and that the new fundraising committee is “on fire” and planning to do more outreach into the community. The annual meeting will be at the Carnegie on October 19th.
- Comments/Questions from Township Representative - none present
- Director's Report - Val had provided a written report. She introduced Alissa Seelmann, who was recently hired for the Marketing/Programming position, and stated that the library is now fully staffed. She also reviewed the new shared staffing responsibilities and the merger of PAC 2 into the Northland Library Cooperative. The coop has a new director, Stacy Pasche, replacing Linda Adams, who is retiring as of September 30.

Board Members Comments: Kim thanked Nisa for her as always excellent and interesting report on her experience at the ALA conference in Chicago.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2027 budget, which will be submitted to the city. Val is working on bumping up staff wages on a four year plan. There was discussion on how much to include in the budget for professional services such as attorney fees in preparation for fall of 2028 when the library bond will be paid off and the official relationship between the library and the city may have to be redefined.

* Laura moved and Trevor supported to approve the proposed 2027 budget with a change in the Professional Services line item from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ingles, Secretary