



City of Waukesha

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Library Board

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Thursday, July 9, 2026

4:45 PM

Library Board Room

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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Present 9 - Melissa Baxter, Martha Ryan, Kevin Guilfooy, Sandra Ammerman, Erik Helgestad, Betsy Forrest, James Sebert, Austin Dutter, and Karol Kennedy

Absent 2 - Bonnie Byrd, and Megan Lach

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

[ID#26-03797](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes15-May-2026-10-53-32](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Helgestad, seconded by Ryan, that the Minutes from the May 14, 2026 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence

[ID#26-03803](#)

Attachments: [Sylvia Trewyn Obituary](#)
[Correspondence - Alderman](#)
[Correspondence - Big Foot](#)
[Correspondence - Big Foot2](#)
[Correspondence - In Service](#)
[Correspondence - Waukesha Reads](#)
[Correspondence - Heat](#)
[Correspondence - Safety Days](#)

5. Bills

[ID#26-03809](#)

A motion was made by Baxter, seconded by Ammerman, that the June bills (\$78,291.22) be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

A motion was made by Sebert, seconded by Guilfooy, that the July bills (\$135,390.29) be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Melissa Baxter Martha Ryan Kevin Guilfooy Sandra Ammerman Erik Helgestad
Betsy Forrest James Sebert Austin Dutter Karol Kennedy

Absent 2 - Bonnie Byrd Megan Lach

6. Financial Reports

[ID#26-03819](#)

A motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Helgestad, that this Financial Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Melissa Baxter Martha Ryan Kevin Guilfooy Sandra Ammerman Erik Helgestad
Betsy Forrest James Sebert Austin Dutter Karol Kennedy

Absent 2 - Bonnie Byrd Megan Lach

7. New Business

[ID#26-03837](#) Matter of Report: Welcome Karol Kennedy to the Board

Attachments: [K. Kennedy Resume 2026 05 27](#)

[ID#26-03846](#) Review and possible action on election of Board Vice President

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Baxter, that Alderman Helgestad be elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

[ID#26-03925](#) Matter of Report: Operating Budget

Attachments: [Operating Budget summary](#)
[2026 Operating Budget - Board](#)
[2027 Budget Timeline.](#)

[ID#26-03919](#) Review and possible action on Capital Budget Requests for 2027

Attachments: [2027 5-Year CIP Projection - LIBRARY - IT](#)
[2027 5-Year CIP Plan - LIBRARY - Locker](#)
[2027 5-Year CIP Plan - LIBRARY - Rooftop Air Unit](#)
[2027 5-Year CIP Plan - LIBRARY - Staff Bathrooms](#)
[2027 5-Year CIP Plan - LIBRARY - Childrens](#)

A motion was made by Baxter, seconded by Ammerman, that the Capital Budget Requests for 2027 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Melissa Baxter Martha Ryan Kevin Guilfof Sandra Ammerman Erik Helgestad
Betsy Forrest James Sebert Austin Dutter Karol Kennedy

Absent 2 - Bonnie Byrd Megan Lach

[ID#26-03927](#) Review and possible action on Human Resources Policy G-7: Drug and Alcohol Free Work Place

Attachments: [G7 Drug and Alcohol-free Workplace Final 6.2](#)

A motion was made by Sebert, seconded by Alderman Helgestad, that Human Resources Policy G-7: Drug and Alcohol Free Work Place be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

[ID#26-03864](#) Review and possible action on Library Policy F-6: Naming Rights and Commemoration

Attachments: [F-6 NAMING RIGHTS AND COMMEMORATION 06-11-2026](#)

A motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Guilfof, that Library Policy F-6: Naming Rights and Commemoration be adopted with corrected implementation date. The motion carried unanimously.

[ID#26-03873](#) Review and possible action on Library Policy F-7: Gift Acceptance

Attachments: [F-7 GIFT ACCEPTANCE 07-09-2026](#)

A motion was made by Guilfof, seconded by Kennedy, that Library Policy F-7: Gift Acceptance be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Reports

A. Library Board Committees: Building, Executive, Finance, Human Resources, Planning and Policy, Public Art, Ad hoc Fund Development

B. Director's Report: Director Bruce Gay will provide a status update on Library activities and answer any questions

[ID#26-03882](#)

Attachments: [June July Staff Report](#)

C. Bridges Library System: Trustee Betsy Forrest will report on the most recent Bridges Board meeting

D. Friends of the Library: Trustee Erik Helgestad will report on any meeting that has occurred since the date of the last meeting

E. Communications to the Common Council

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m

NOTICE: A majority of Library Board members or Common Council members may be in attendance.

Library Board Members: Please notify the Library Office by 1:00 PM meeting day, if you are unable to attend this meeting.

NOTICE: Any person who has a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires that the meeting be accessible or that materials at the meeting be in an accessible format, please contact the Library Office, 48 hours prior to the meeting at 262-524-3694.