

**Minutes of the
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 30, 2025
Lester Public Library**

The regular meeting of the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Board was called to order at the Lester Public Library on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., by President of the Board, Natasha Khan.

Members Present: Deborah Brotcke, Ron Dietrich, Kali Hentges, Mary Hoerth, Natasha Khan, Chuck Krueger, Sara Meier, Ray Mueller, Megan O'Connor, Darcie Schwalenberg-Kesler, Don Weiss

Members Absent: Jeremy Sehloff, Scott Tuma, Don Zimmer

Others Present: Jeff Dawson, Amy Eisenschink, Rebecca Scherer, Margie Verhelst, Kate Verhelst

Minutes: A motion was made by Weiss and seconded by Brotcke to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2025, MCLS Board meeting. Motion carried.

Member Library Directors' Reports: Reports were presented by Jeff Dawson, with Scherer reporting on behalf of Lydia Dill, Julia Davis, and Karin Adams.

Financial Business: A motion was made by Meier and seconded by Krueger to approve the May and June 2025 financial reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Brotcke to approve the June and July 2025 payment of bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Weiss and seconded by Meier to approve the Reach Out and Read report through June 2025. Motion carried.

System Director's Report: A written report was included in the Board packets.

System IT/ILS Specialist's Report: A written report was included in the Board packets.

Office & Outreach Coordinator's Report: A written report was included in the Board packets.

LARS Consultant's Report: A written report was included in the Board packets.

New Business:

The Finance Committee Meeting will consist of Tuma, Krueger, Sehloff, with Mueller as an alternative, and will meet on either Tuesday, August 19 or Thursday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m

The Personnel Committee Meeting was set to meet on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., consisting of Brotcke, Khan, Marchant, and Mueller.

A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Brotcke to approve the NEWI Continuing Education Agreement for 2026-2030.

Trustee Education – Trustee Tales May and June 2025: Scherer briefly discussed the two issues covering “Tips for Effective Board Meetings” and “A Brief Introduction to Library Funding”. It was discussed that it’s important for patrons and others to understand how library funding works, and how the potential loss of federal funding will impact library services statewide on a large scale, especially interlibrary loan (ILL).

Confirm date and set place for next meeting: The next MCLS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Chilton Public Library.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 6:03 p.m. by Meier and seconded by Krueger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Verhelst