

**Minutes of the
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 28, 2025
Kiel Public Library**

The regular meeting of the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Board was called to order at the Kiel Public Library on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5:31 p.m., by President of the Board, Natasha Khan.

Members Present: Deborah Brotcke, Kali Hentges, Natasha Khan, Chuck Krueger, Ray Mueller, Megan O'Connor, Scott Tuma, Don Weiss

Members Absent: Ron Dietrich, Mary Hoerth, Sara Meier, Darcie Schwalenberg-Kesler, Jeremy Sehloff, Don Zimmer

Others Present: Julia Davis, Jeff Dawson, Lydia Dill, Amy Eisenschink, Rebecca Scherer, Margie Verhelst, Kate Verhelst

Minutes: A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Tuma to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2025, MCLS Board meeting. Motion carried.

Member Library Directors' Reports: Reports were presented by Jeff Dawson, Julia Davis, and Lydia Dill.

Financial Business: A motion was made by Weiss and seconded by Krueger to approve the March and April 2025 financial reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Tuma to approve the April and May 2025 payment of bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hentges and seconded by Mueller to approve the Reach Out and Read report through April 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.

Trustee Education – Funding Issues Facing Public Libraries: Scherer discussed the issues regarding the reduction of the Institute of Museums and Libraries (IMLS) to its barest statutory level, how back and forth things have been and some staff and funding being reinstated, and how uncertain this leaves those working in libraries. Scherer distributed a handout showing the

amount of state aid MCLS receives, as well as the amount of federal funding given to the System through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The System is anticipating these LSTA funds will not be available in the future. In October 2025 Congress will vote on whether or not the IMLS will continue to be funded. Scherer stressed the importance of contacting your federal representatives to ask them to continue supporting and funding the IMLS.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Verhelst