

**Minutes of the
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 28, 2026
Manitowoc Public Library**

The regular meeting of the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Board was called to order at the Manitowoc Public Library on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., by President of the Board, Natasha Khan.

Members Present: **In person-** Ron Dietrich, Natasha Khan, Sara Meier, Ray Mueller, Megan O'Connor, Scott Tuma; **Virtual-** Mary Hoerth, Darcie Schwalenberg-Kesler

Members Absent: Chuck Krueger, Kali Hentges, Jeremy Sehloff, Don Weiss, Don Zimmer

Others Present: Karin Adams, Lydia Dill, Amy Eisenschink, Rebecca Scherer, Kate Verhelst

Minutes: A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Tuma to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2025, MCLS Board meeting. Motion carried.

Member Library Directors' Reports: Reports were presented by Karin Adams and Lydia Dill.

Financial Business: A motion was made by Dietrich and seconded by Meier to approve the November and December 2025 financial reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by O'Connor to approve the December 2025 and January 2026 payment of bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Meier to approve the Reach Out and Read report through December 2025. Motion carried.

System Director'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:

Authorize President to Sign 2025 Annual Report: A motion was made by Dietrich and seconded by O'Connor to authorize the President to sign the 2025 Annual Report. Motion carried.

Approve Slate of Officers for 2026-2027: Natasha Khan and Chuck Krueger made up the Board Officer Nominating Committee. Scherer presented the candidates for President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer as follows: Natasha Kahn-P, Ray Mueller-VP, and Jeremy Sehloff-S/T.

Dietrich made a motion for unanimous approval of Kahn for President, Mueller as Vice President, and Sehloff as Secretary/Treasurer as the slate of officers. O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Education – 2026 Library Legislative Day handout: Scherer presented a handout created by WLA for Library Legislative Day 2026 to highlight what Systems do for libraries and how they strengthen libraries. She also noted this could be a helpful resource for libraries when asked the about the purpose of library systems. Scherer will be attending Library Legislative Day on February 10.

Confirm date and set place for next meeting: The next MCLS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Holstein Public Library.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 5:53 p.m. by Mueller and seconded by Meier. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Verhelst