



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order

The Vice Chair, Kathy Ivey, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Jessica Thill, Sue Anglehart, Araysa Simpson, Kathy Ivey, Katie Bittner, Mac Kiel, Rosanne Northwood

ABSENT: Aaron Engel, Erin Raymus

STAFF: Dawn Wacek, Daniel Whitmore, Cynthia Arauz, Brooke Newberry, Amber Leibundgut-Peterson, Miranda Greeno

Agenda Items:

1 2026 Budget Review and Discussion

1.1 Scenario Review

At this time, the City is looking to cut \$3 million from the 2026 Operating Budget. The cost of benefits, namely health insurance, continues to rise. With this in frame, Director Wacek shared with the Board possible scenarios of what different reduction levels could look like.

1.2 Timeline

The next steps in the budget process include the Board of Estimates meetings on Thursday, September 4 and Thursday, October 2 as well as the Common Council meeting on Monday, November 17, where the 2026 Operating Budget will be voted on by Council members.

2 Feedback Policy Draft

Ms. Wacek presented a Feedback Policy draft to the Board. This policy is new. Members suggested a few changes. A revised version of the policy will be brought to the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 9.

3 Service Animal Policy Draft

Director Wacek presented a Service Animal Policy draft to the Board. This policy has been updated from the 2023 version. No changes were suggested by Board members. The policy will be brought to the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 9.

Adjournment

Ms. Ivey adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 6:13 p.m.