



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Call to Order

The Vice Chair, Kathy Ivey, called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Ivey, Rosanne Northwood, Jessica Thill, Aaron Engel, Araysa Simpson, Mac Kiel, Tamra Dickinson

ABSENT: Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Erin Raymus

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

Agenda Items:

1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – August 12, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of August 12, 2025.

(Aaron Engel/Jessica Thill) Carried

2 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – September 2, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 2, 2025.

(Rosanne Northwood/Araysa Simpson) Carried

3 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – August 2025

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from August 2025.

(Aaron Engel/Rosanne Northwood) Carried

4 Visit from Trust Point Staff

Trust Point staff members Jennifer Gander, Yan Arsenault, and Steve Brudos provided the Board with an overview of the portfolio. This included cumulative performance, trends, and potential future yields.

5 Reports

5.1 Director's Report

5.11 Vacancy Report

Frontline Leadership has been interviewing for the four open part-time Library Assistant positions. Brian Ickes has joined the Maintenance team.

5.12 Operations and Service Updates

LPL is working with school librarians to formalize school visits. A group of Library Staff has joined Hamilton Elementary School's one-on-one mentor program with students. Adult programming is about to be in full swing this fall. Pride in the Park took place this past weekend and went wonderfully.

In anticipation of welcoming new team members, Frontline is working on new hire training. Painting is planned to take place at North Community Library this October. The main door has been restored and discussions about new flooring are taking place. This is all thanks to the generous donation made by the Collins family.

5.13 Construction Update

Demolition at the Library is in progress. Asbestos was found on the second floor and abatement will occur. Given the building's age, this discovery wasn't too surprising.

6 Old Business**6.1 2026 Budget Discussion**

A budget update was given via email to Staff last week. Library Leadership will continue to fill open roles while services are still at the current level to prevent current Staff from being stretched thin.

7 New Business**7.1 Policy Approval****7.11 Feedback Policy**

**Motion to approve Feedback Policy.
(Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried**

7.12 Service Animal Policy

Clarifying verbiage was discussed. Director Wacek will seek guidance and clarification from City Attorney.

**Motion to defer Service Animal Policy to October.
(Araysa Simpson/Rosanne Northwood) Carried**

7.2 Election of Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary

Aaron Engel nominated Sue Anglehart for President. Unanimous consent to reappoint Ms. Anglehart for another year.

Aaron Engel nominated Kathy Ivey for Vice President. Unanimous consent to reappoint Ms. Ivey for another year.

Rosanne Northwood nominated Araysa Simpson for Secretary. Unanimous consent to reappoint Ms. Simpson for another year.

8 Topics for Future Meetings

8.1 RFP – Fundraising

8.2 Mural – Arts Board Collaboration

8.3 Service Animal Policy

9 Public Comment / Other

Aida Reyes-Estrada added a public comment regarding the Service Animal Policy and her own personal experiences.

Adjournment at 5:51 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn.
(Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried**