

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
July 15, 2025  
OFFICIAL

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Blamer called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm at the City Chamber Room, 28 State Road, Newaygo, Michigan 49337.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Cindy Blamer, Samantha Kauffman, Sharon Haege, Patty Goodman, and Christian Burns.

Absent: David Chambers, Candy Wells

**Agenda:**

Motion to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Haege with support by Goodman. AIF/MC.

**2. MINUTES**

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2025.  
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Goodman and supported by Burns. AIF/MC.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

- The Treasurer's Report was presented, noting that the Library received \$3,300 from the FAFCE Endowment request. The Budget for the upstairs Circ Desk project was discussed with Director Franklin stating that The Amazing X Grant application, requesting \$22,500, has been submitted and is awaiting review. A comprehensive Grants and Donations report, with a full breakdown of spending, was provided for review. Blamer asked if the Grant/Donation spreadsheet could have a "Year to Date" column added.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Haege and supported by Goodman. AIF/MC

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The Director's Report highlighted that Summer Reading sign-ups increased by 31% this year, with 603 participants compared to 460 last year. While physical circulation has seen a slight decrease, electronic circulation has risen slightly. Planning is underway for fall library programming, including the Scarecrow Stroll and "Reading is a Treat" events. Additionally, Fall and Winter Reading Bingo programs will be introduced for children and tweens.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The Finance Committee met on July 1st to initiate 2026 budget planning and determined the draft budget to be acceptable; a copy is included in your packet. At the Finance meeting VP Blamer contacted Joe Hamlin at the Library of Michigan for details to submit a Waiver for the Director Position. The Personnel Committee will meet on August 11 to discuss any wage increases. Discussions are also ongoing with representatives from Demco and The Library Store regarding a new Upstairs Circulation Desk. Jason is contacting cabinet builders he knows to construct new drop boxes.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

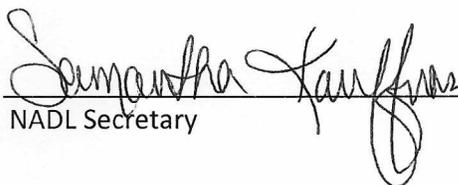
VP Blamer commented about all the work and how well everything is coming together.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Haege with support by Burns. AIF/MC  
Treasure Haege adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.



NADL President



NADL Secretary