

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MEETING
Saginaw Valley State University Conference Center
Saginaw, MI
Minutes, October 6, 2026**

A White Pine Library Cooperative Board meeting was held on October 6, 2026, at the Saginaw Valley State University Conference Center, Saginaw, MI.

Present: Bev Dear, Amy Beckman, Lynne Clark, Nicole Markel, Corey Goethe, Pam Wright, Seth Randall, Amber Hughey, Marcy Thompson, and Tiffany Fiting. Also present were Christian Dunham, incoming Director, and Kate Van Auken, outgoing Director.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Nicole Markel.

Approval of Agenda: Kate Van Auken proposed amending the Agenda so that the Seating of new Board members, Slating of candidates for Officers, and Election would occur before the Approval of Minutes. Amber Hughey moved, and Pam Wright seconded to approve the Agenda with changes. The motion was carried.

New Board Members: Per White Pine Library Cooperative Bylaws, "Terms of Service shall be three years and run from October 1st through September 30th. Members can serve no more than 2 consecutive terms." Two Board members who fulfilled their first three-year term decided to serve a second three-year term. Those Board members are: Seth Randall and Marcy Thompson. The Board welcomed Bev Dear as the new Board member.

The Slate of Candidates for Officers:

A call for nominations for President of the WPLC Board was made. Amber Hughey nominated Nicole Markel. No other nominations were made.

A call for nominations for Vice-President was made, and Amber Hughey self-nominated to be reappointed. No other nominations were made.

A call for nominations was made for Secretary/Treasurer. Christian Dunham had served in this capacity, but once he accepted the Director of White Pine position, Marcy Thompson was elected Secretary /Treasurer at the August Board meeting. She was nominated again by Amber Hughey. No other nominations were made.

Election: The Slate of Officers for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was presented with Nicole Markel as President, Amber Hughey as Vice-President, and Marcy Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer of the WPLC Board. The Slate was approved as presented with no members opposed.

Approval of Minutes: Seth Randall moved, and Corey Goethe seconded to approve the August 26, 2026 Board Minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklists for August 2026 and September 2026. Marcy Thompson moved, and Seth Randall seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the August and September 2026 bills. The motion was carried.

Directors Report:

The Cooperative audit is scheduled for November 18 and 19.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **Meeting dates.** The following meeting dates were proposed for the 2026-2027 fiscal year: Dec.2, Feb. 24, Apr. 21, June 23, Aug. 25, & Sep. 22 (if needed). Pam Wright moved, and Marcy Thompson seconded to approve the 2026-2027 meeting dates. The motion was carried.

Public comments and announcements

There were no public comments or announcements.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2026, after the Advisory Council meeting at the Beaverton Branch of the Gladwin District Library in Beaverton, MI.

Other Important Dates: MLA Annual Conference, October 28 - 30, 2026, in Novi, MI.

Adjournment: Marcy Thompkins moved, and Pam Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion was carried.