

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MEETING
Minutes, June 17, 2026
Approved August 26, 2026**

A White Pine Library Cooperative Board meeting was held on June 17, 2026, at the St. Charles District Library in St. Charles, MI.

Present: Amy Beckman, Lynne Clark, Christian Dunham, Tiffany Fiting, Corey Goethe, Amber Hughey, Nicole Markel, Marcy Thompson, and Pam Wright. Also present were Kate Van Auken and Alison Blattner.

Excused: Seth Randall.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by President Nicole Markel.

Approval of Agenda: Tiffany Fiting moved, and Marcy Thompson seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: Pam Wright moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the April 22nd, 2026 Board Minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklists for April and May 2026. Christian Dunham moved, and Tiffany Fiting seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the April and May 2026 bills. The motion was carried.

Director's Report: Kate shared updates from the Library Cooperatives of Michigan (LCM) regarding director changes at other cooperatives. The Valley Library Consortium's exploration of obtaining a shared OCLC account was also discussed, and WPLC is awaiting additional information about the proposal.

Old Business

\$100,000 Wish List

The Board discussed the top four proposals from member libraries on how to utilize surplus funds in the upcoming 2026-2027 budget. Christian voiced that spending on additional OverDrive content seemed to be the most broadly beneficial for all members. Discussion was had that the incoming director may have different ideas to consider. Amber Hughey motioned to put the additional \$100,000 into the 2026-2027 budget and decide how to spend those funds after the new director is chosen. Christian Dunham seconded. The motion was carried.

New Business

New Member Application

Kate reached out to several other cooperatives in order to compare new member application forms. WPLC's has been updated in the event of future libraries seeking to join.

Michigan Class Investment Option

Kate discussed a new product being offered by Michigan Class. The "Term Series II" product was recently announced and is most comparable to a CD. Kate advised that the option is there in the future if WPLC has the base \$500,000 required to put toward it.

Alison's Review

Kate discussed Alison's annual performance with the WPLC Board. She suggested a 5% raise based on all she has done moving the Cooperative forward with Clio, the Peabody replacement. She is also continuing to take MARC classes when available to increase her knowledge. Nicole moved and Marcy seconded to provide a 5% raise for Alison for FY 2026-2027. Motion carried.

Public comments and announcements

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2026, after the Advisory Council meeting at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St, Cass City, MI 48726.

Adjournment: Tiffany moved and Christian Dunham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m. The motion was carried.