

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, December 3, 2025

Approved April 22, 2026

Welcome

The meeting was held at Fairgrove District Library in Fairgrove, MI. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. There were 30 attendees at the meeting: 16 in person and 14 online via Zoom.

Introductions

Ruth Steele welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library affiliation, whether they prefer artificial or real holiday trees, and whether they participate in the Elf on a Shelf tradition.

Approval of Agenda

Erin Schmandt moved, and Nicole Markel seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Lynne Clark moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the August 27, 2025, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included State Aid; Stop the Bleed liability legislation; SAM UEI; Bay County Library System joining RLA; member library visits; WPLC audit; AI in Your Collection webinar; Milibraryfinder.org. [See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation.](#)

Coordinator's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Topics included interlibrary loan mail issues, cataloging updates, interlibrary loan updates, and WPLC website updates. [See the Coordinator's Report for more details and further explanation.](#)

Old Business

Peabody Update

Kate Van Auken announced the decision to begin the transition of WPLC's Peabody program to a new web application, Clio. She shared that the cost is a significant decrease from previously considered options through OCLC and exponentially less expensive than building a custom website. Alison shared her experience speaking with library consortia similar to WPLC's setup, participating in OCLC WorldShare, and how integral Clio is to their work. She also shared that Clio had been exceptionally responsive to feedback and requests for more information. More information is available in the Coordinator's report.



New Business

WPLC Website

Kate and Alison shared updates about the ongoing transition of wplc.org to the Streamline platform. They reported going through the existing content on the website at this time and removing superfluous information to improve the navigability of the site. Underused pages are being archived, and the website's layout is being updated to ensure less duplication of information. Members are encouraged to reach out to Alison and Kate if there are certain resources on the website (outside of the cooperative's services and member info) that they find themselves first checking wplc.org for. Information archived can be brought back later, but feedback helps to guide what is truly helpful for members. More detailed information is available in the Coordinator's report.

Public Comments/Membership News:

There was no public comment.

Unlocking the Leader Within: The Honorable Nancy Thane, Probate Judge and Presiding Family Court Judge, walked us through exercises to get us thinking about how to better serve our public. How do we use our senses and minds to effectively serve our patrons? Are we active listeners? Are we wise (and sincere) with our words? How do we utilize body language? How do we broaden our perspectives and ideas of what is possible? And how do we become the kind and compassionate people who touch others' lives most deeply?

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on February 25, 2026, location TBD.

