

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, August 26, 2026

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Welcome

The meeting was held at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 38 attendees at the meeting: 25 in person and 13 online via Zoom.

Introductions

Kate Van Auken welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library affiliation, and something positive happening in their professional or personal lives.

Approval of Agenda

Tiffany Fiting moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Jeannette Morrish moved, and Nicole Markel seconded, to approve the June 24th, 2026, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included new directors in the cooperative; new WPLC director announcement; state aid; e-Rate funding; marketing questions; Ambient RLA; MLA Annual & Pre-Conference 2026; Consumers Energy Grants; fall community grants; WPLC grants & reimbursements; WPLC programmers database. [See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation.](#)

Coordinator's report

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

2026 – 2027 Plan of Service

Kate presented the 2026 – 2027 draft Plan of Service created following WPLC member responses to the annual survey. Michelle Duclos motioned, and Jeanette Morrish seconded, to send the 2026 – 2027 Draft Plan of Service to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.



Proposed 2026 – 2027 Budget

Kate presented the proposed budget for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year. Amber Hughey motioned, and Michelle Duclos seconded, to send the proposed 2026 – 2027 budget to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

Kristin Angel, Michigan CLASS, Senior Director, Investment Services

Kristin Angel shared information about the Michigan CLASS investment pool and the different product offerings available. She discussed commonly asked questions such as the different safeguards in place, PA 20 investment rules, and how Michigan CLASS compares to traditional CDs and investment opportunities. She shared that it is necessary for entities looking to enroll to have an investment policy and that Michigan CLASS can offer a template to help those entities that don't have one yet. Resources would be shared later with WPLC membership via email.

Public Comments/Membership News:

There were no comments or member news shared.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at the Saginaw Valley State University Conference Center, Curtis Hall, University Center, MI 48604.

