

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2025
6:30 pm

Agenda / Minutes

Members Present:

Abby Black - *Library Director*

Elaine Ebeling - *Chairperson*

Bradley Bartelmay - *Vice Chairperson*

Carol Scholten

Patti Walcott

Margaret Wheeler

Carol Dawe - *Executive Director of Lakeland Library Cooperative (Guest)*

Jacoba Bouma - *Tallmadge Township Liaison*

Absent:

Karen Amisi

Ken Smit - *Library Liaison*

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the agenda
- III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes (January 6, 2025)
- IV. Financial report
 - A. Report from January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

- V. Communications and correspondence
 - A. Aunt Flow comments on FB supported by women
 - B. Federal Executive Order defunding of IMLS: Michigan Electronic Library (MeL) services lost as of October 1, 2025; 21 state attorney generals have filed a lawsuit against executive branch.
- VI. Director's report
- VII. Youth Librarian's report
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Furniture Update: installed, Friends of the Library donated rug and activity kits
 - B. Aunt Flow 98% positive, installed in March 2025
- IX. IX. New Business
 - A. DIY Strategic Planning – Carol Dawe, Lakeland Library Cooperative Executive Director
 - 1. Strategic plans define roles and responsibilities
 - 2. Improves communication with all shareholders
 - 3. 3-5 year plan with one year action plans and year two addendum with quarterly updates shared with boards
 - 4. 8 month process
 - 5. Service from Lakeland Library Cooperative
 - 6. Flexible timeline discussion
 - B. All Staff Meeting – 9 am - noon, May 14, 2025
 - 1. Board will bring different food
 - 2. Staff Strategic Planning Focus group with Carol Dawe
- X. Public comment - None
- XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM