

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2025 - DRAFT
Pauline Haass Public Library

PRESENT: In person: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Glenda Dolphin, Betsy Forrest, Jim Heinrich, Diane Knutson, Nancy Wilhelm, Jean Yeomans, Robert Kraus, Larry Nelson
Via Zoom: Amanda Golson

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Kelly Nelson, Bridges Library System Coordinator of Library Development; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant; Brittany Larson, Muskego Public Library Director; Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Director and Resource Library Representative; Adele Loria, Pauline Haass Public Library Director
Via Zoom: Abby Armour, Mukwonago Community Library Director and APL Representative, Gerard Saylor, L.D. Fargo Public Library Director

Call to order: Linda Ager, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Introductions were completed after the call to order.

Comments from the Public: None

Correspondence: A letter received from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction indicating that the second state aid payment to Bridges for 2025 has been completed.

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Knutson motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 meeting, as presented, passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Heinrich/Yeomans motion to approve the May 2025 monthly invoices, as presented, passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Heinrich/Dolphin motion to approve the April 2025 financial reports for funds 210 and 215, as presented, passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Director: Karol gave a brief report on the library budget cuts recently passed in Menomonee Falls and reflected on her time as the Bridges Library System Director.

Staff: Mellanie reported on the progress of the system wide library calendar and its features.

APL: Abby reported on the topics of discussion at the last APL meeting including 2026 budget preparations, e-content and its related costs, Hoopla and library databases.

Resource Library: Bruce noted that the Waukesha Public Library is interviewing candidates for the Teen Internship Grant awarded to the library. The library has had 50 applicants for the position. Bruce also reported on new desk scheduling software being utilized at the library and that library staff received customer service training from the Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

Contract No. 2011 Bridges Library System Mobile App Amendment: A Forrest/Biermeier motion to approve the Contract No. 2011 Bridges Library System Mobile App Amendment, as presented, passed unanimously.

MKE Shuttle Transportation Agreement for Memory Café Collaboration with the Hispanic Health Resource Center: A Yeomans/Dolphin motion to approve the MKE Shuttle Transportation Agreement for Memory Café Collaboration with the Hispanic Health Resource Center, as presented, passed unanimously.

Request for Hearing Loop Funding for Irvin L. Young Memorial Library (Whitewater): A Kraus/Biermeier motion approve funding, up to \$11,000, for hearing loop purchase for Irvin L. Young Memorial Library in Whitewater, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Watertown Public Library.

At 5:14 PM a Knutson/Heinrich motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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