



beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

Library Board Room

1. Call to order and roll call – President Heim called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Members present: Alexis Beran (arr. 6:12) Lucas Carter, Rachelle Elliott, Alissa Girdler, Gerardine Heim, and Elizabeth Magnus.

Members online: Courtney Scott and Keira Wilson (arr. 6:14)

Members absent: Sherry Blakeley

Also present: Leadership Team Members: Nick Dimassis, Jennifer Laatz, Kim Huber, Michael DeVries, Amy Mitchell, Jessica Graminske, and Wyatt Ditzler.

2. Approval of the February 25, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes – Carter moved to approve the February 25, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes as presented. Girdler seconded the motion.
Motion carried (6-0).
3. Public Comment – None
4. Library Director and BPL Activity Report – Dimassis and team prepared a written report. Dimassis explained that the report follows the Strategic Plan values and commitments. Construction update: the tree has been relocated, children’s area is open – still waiting on shelving bins, computer lab fully open, waiting on furniture and study pods. New door access controls are in, along with the digital displays at the meeting room doors. Microsoft Teams will be the meeting room technology. Blender is getting additional storage space, and the interior door will be accessible in a couple of months. Until then, access is through the patio door. The plastic in the main part of the library will be up for a few months yet. At that time, it will be a painted wall until closer to the opening of Discovery PLAYce when it will be a cityscape. Discovery PLAYce is expected to be open in October.
5. Committees:
 - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Did not meet.
 - b. Personnel Committee – Did not meet.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee – Heim reported that the committee met just before this meeting. The discussed the 6 values and commitments on the Strategic Plan. The goal is to meet

quarterly to review the implementation plan from staff. They discussed some ideas such as solar panels and adult basic education. Next meeting will be in June.

6. Old Business – None.

7. New Business -

a. **Discussion and action on Photography and Video Recording Policy** – Elliott moved to approve the Photography and Video Recording Policy as presented. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion carried (8-0).**

b. **Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills** – Girdler moved to approve the February payments with the library bills totaling \$86,106.84, Flexible Facilities Grant Program - \$3,160.34. Elliott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).**

8. Reports:

a. Beloit Public Library Foundation – Did not meet. Next meeting is 4/8/26.

b. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – Beran reported that the board is planning its annual meeting for May 28, 2026. They are looking at an author from Lake Geneva as their keynote speaker. There was discussion regarding carts from which to sell books. They will be thinking of alternatives. They may be moving their meeting times to earlier in the day. They scheduled the Fall Booksale for October 22 – 24. They will be selling Easter baskets soon. Next meeting is the annual meeting on May 28, 2026.

c. School District Representative – Elliott reported that Janesville School District is going to referendum in November. The School District of Beloit will not be going to referendum this year. Dr. Anderson has stated that the district will need to cut \$4.5 million from next year's budget.

d. City Council Representative – No report.

9. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – None

10. Motion to Adjourn – Elliott moved to adjourn. Beran seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).** Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Submitted by:

Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager