



beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

Library Board Room

1. Call to order and roll call – Vice President Girdler called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Members present: Alissa Girdler, Elizabeth Magnus, Courtney Scott, and Keira Wilson (arr. 6:27).

Members online: Rachelle Elliott

Members absent: Alexis Beran, Sherry Blakeley, Lucas Carter, and Gerardine Heim.

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

2. Library Director and BPL Activity Report – Dimassis and team prepared a written report. Dimassis highlighted a bookmark titled Shared Library Expectations intended as a tool for staff to use when enforcing behavior expectations to provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for everyone. The Leadership Team met with Jen Tropp from Hendricks Family Foundation about a new campaign called Go Beyond Grades. We hosted a Business Before Hours with the Chamber of Commerce to showcase library construction that is complete and a sneak peek into Discovery PLAYce. The theme of this year's Summer Library Club is "Unearth a Story." We contracted with Grommes Millwork to build an interactive donation box. We hosted our final Capital Campaign Committee meeting. A Discovery PLAYce logo was developed with Luci Creative.
3. Reports:
 - a. Beloit Public Library Foundation – No report. Next meeting is June 10, 2026.
 - b. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – No report. Next meeting is the annual meeting on May 28, 2026.
 - c. School District Representative – Elliott reported on the SKILLS USA competition.
 - d. City Council Representative – No report.
4. Approval of the March 18, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes – Scott moved to approve the March 18, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes as presented. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion carried (5-0).**

5. Approval of the March 18, 2026 Strategic Plan Committee meeting minutes – Magnus moved to approve the March 18, 2026 Strategic Plan Committee meeting minutes as presented. Scott seconded the motion. **Motion carried (5-0).**
6. Public Comment – None
7. Committees:
 - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Did not meet.
 - b. Personnel Committee – Did not meet.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee – Did not meet.
8. Old Business – None.
9. New Business -
 - a. **Discussion and action on Leasing Policy** – Magnus moved to approve the Leasing Policy as corrected. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion carried (5-0).**
 - b. **Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills** – Scott moved to approve the March payments with the library bills totaling \$44,887.44, Flexible Facilities Grant Program - \$729,264.61. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (5-0).**
10. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – None
11. Motion to Adjourn – Scott moved to adjourn. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (5-0).** Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Submitted by:
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager