



# beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, July 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 6:00 PM.

Members present: Alexis Beran, Sherry Blakeley, Lucas Carter, Rachelle Elliott, Cecilia Gillhouse, Alissa Girdler, Courtney Scott, and Keira Wilson (arr. 6:10).

Members online: None

Members absent: Gerardine Heim.

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

2. Welcome to Cecilia Gillhouse.
3. Approval of the June 17, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes – Blakeley moved to approve the June 17, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes as presented. Scott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).**
4. Public Comment – none.
5. Library Director and BPL Activity Report – Dimassis started out by introducing Becky Wilson, Discovery PLAYce Manager. From the written report, Dimassis highlighted the Juneteenth events the library participated in, the signage for the new bin shelving in the children's area, the new carpet in the front, the annual staff outing, the soft opening of Discovery PLAYce, the 2027 budget process, and the tour of the library for new City Manager Ortiz Hernandez.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Did not meet.
  - b. Personnel Committee – Did not meet.
  - c. Strategic Plan Committee – Did not meet.
7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business -

- a. **Election of Officers** – Blakeley moved to nominate Alissa Girdler as President. Elliott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**. Scott moved to nominate Alexis Beran as Vice President. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**. Blakeley moved to approve the slate of officers. Elliott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**.
- b. **Discussion and Action on Copy Charges Policy** – Carter moved to approve the Copy Charges Policy as presented. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**
- c. **Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills** – Scott moved to approve the June payments with the library bills totaling \$55,635.93, and Blender - \$158.00. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**.

9. Reports:

- a. Beloit Public Library Foundation – Dimassis reported the next phase for the Foundation is legacy planning, endowment, and relationship building. There is a committee to plan the grand opening of Discovery PLAYce on 11/14/26. Next meeting is August 12, 2026
- b. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – Beran reported on the annual meeting. The board discussed the soft opening of Discovery PLAYce. The next big book sale is scheduled for October 22 – 24. Next meeting is September 9, 2026.
- c. School District Representative – Elliott reported that summer school is half over and the district is getting ready for fall registration.
- d. City Council Representative – Blakeley reported that the new city manager was sworn in on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The American 250 essay contest winners were recognized. The council approved free bus rides to the housing program held at the library. Data centers were on the agenda for discussion only. The council will continue to research it. They approved 55 units of affordable housing at the old YMCA building. They have preliminary approval of 3 duplexes on Hickory Dr. The City of Beloit and Town of Beloit fire departments merged. The full transition will be completed by June 2027. The CDBG grants process is moving along.

10. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – None

11. Motion to Adjourn – Carter moved to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Submitted by:

Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager