

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library  
Board of Trustees**

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Alpena County Library Board of Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:01 pm by President Dustin Budd.

**Present:**

Board of Trustees: Dustin Budd, Julie Byrnes, Traci Collins, Jennifer Graham, Joe Fulkerson  
Staff: Christina Markowski, Nancy Mousseau, Carmen Grubaugh

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Collins with support from Fulkerson to accept the agenda. The motion passed.

**Review and Approval of September 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by Graham with support from Fulkerson to accept the minutes from the September 24, 2025 meeting. The motion passed.

**Financial Reports:** The financial reports were reviewed by Markowski.

**Approval of Bills:** It was moved by Graham and supported by Byrnes that the bills as presented be approved. The motion passed.

**Leadership Team Reports:** Markowski thanked the library's two new hires, desk staff for weeding, and Mousseau for updating all the computers to Windows 11. She also participated in an Online Learning Lab and with the Alpena Writer's Club. Markowski noted a Weekly Storytime option was added on Tuesday evening and Special Collections received a donation of an old registry from Fletcher House.

**Friends of the Library Report:** Markowski shared that Sharon Engstrom and herself attended a conference in Charlevoix.

**Public Comment:** Todd Powely, Presque Isle, expressed concerns about how book challenges were handled. He noted the policy did not adequately address state law or court decisions and should be updated. Powely stated he was disappointed in the actions of the Alpena County Commissioners and he stated a library employee provided misleading information which might have resulted in the library losing a major source of funding.

Mark Hunter, Alpena, noted he attended a library program where the audience was unable to ask the presenter questions because the program was forced to end at the same time the library closed. He suggested adult programming be allowed to continue past the library's closing time as necessary.

**Old Business:** There were no old business items.

**Committee Reports:** Fulkerson, on behalf of the Facility Committee, stated that the sulfur from the fountain was causing damage to the exterior coating on the Currier building. He noted the Facility Committee was looking into refitting the lights and replacing the ceiling fans as a means to save on the cost of electricity.

Graham, on behalf of the Gift Acceptance Committee, shared their goal was to submit updated policies

for the November 19, 2025 board meeting. She stated the Gift Acceptance Committee planned to meet on November 6, 2025 to finalize their decisions.

Byrnes, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, discussed updates to the Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Outlines. Byrnes mentioned a Facebook post from June 10, 2025 and Markowski stated the procedures of the Employee Handbook were being reviewed whereas library staff would sign a form upon completion. Markowski noted some policies such as the library's Credit Card Policy and Emergency Procedure Policy would not be posted for the public.

**New Business:**

**A. CD Interest-Michigan Class Investments:** It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to evenly split the \$50,000 and \$4,298.38 in interest into two separate CD's at Nicolet with one CD set at 12 months and the other CD set at 24 months.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Budd: Yes  
Byrnes: Yes  
Collins: Yes  
Graham: Yes  
Fulkerson: Yes

The motion passed.

**B. Budget 2026:** This item was tabled until the November 19, 2025 board meeting.

**C. Budget (Health Insurance):** This item was tabled to provide Markowski time to gather more information on different dental health care providers.

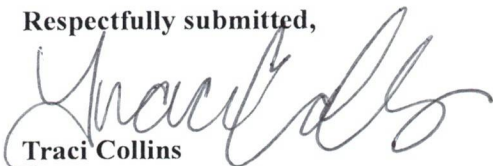
**D. FOIA Update:** It was moved by Graham with support from Fulkerson to adopt the updated Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Outlines with a sentence being added to the end of II FOIA COORDINATOR and point 4 being added under XI CIVIL ACTION. (A). The motion passed.

**E. Board Comment:** Budd thanked board members and library staff for their work on the committees.

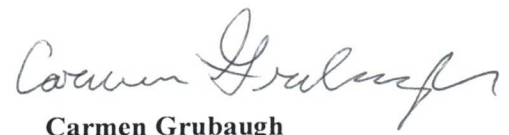
**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Collins with support from Graham to adjourn the meeting. Budd declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Traci Collins

Secretary



Carmen Grubaugh

Recording Secretary