

**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, March 18, 2026, at 4:02 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 Graham to accept the agenda. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of February 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Fulkerson with support from Byrnes to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2026 meeting. The motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed by Markowski.

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

Leadership Team Reports: Markowski shared that the migration of the library's website was in progress and it was expected to take a few months to complete with next steps including staff training. She noted she was working with Rachel from Currier's regarding wall repair costs and she listed the grants the library received as well as some of the items that would be purchased with the grants.

Friends of the Library Report: Markowski stated the Friends were preparing for the annual book sale and planning for it to take place from August 13, 2026 through August 15, 2026.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Old Business:

A. Strategic Planning Discussion: This item was tabled until the April 15, 2026 meeting to allow time for the Strategic Planning Committee to meet as they were unable to do so in March due to inclement weather.

Committee Reports: Budd, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, stated they discussed changes to the Library Card Policy as well as the Reconsideration Policy. Budd suggested the Gift Acceptance Committee (GAC) work with Christine from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan to create a trifold brochure.

New Business:

A. Meeting Room Policy (Vote): It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to adopt the updated Meeting Room Policy. The motion passed.

Graham suggested checking the formatting for the Meeting Room Policy in regards to the spacing,

numbering, and bullets.

B. Library Card Policy (Review): This item was tabled until the April 15, 2026 meeting to allow time to rewrite revisions to the Library Card Policy based on the board's recommendations.

C. Reconsideration Procedure (Review): This item was tabled to allow time to rewrite revisions to the Reconsideration Procedure based on the board's recommendations.

(Fulkerson exited at 4:49 pm.)

(Fulkerson returned at 4:50 pm.)

D. Board Comment: There were no board comments.

Public Comment: Nonie Muller, Alpena, expressed concerns about children she described as youth ages 7-10 having access to books she described as for teens ages 13-17. She noted this was an issue because youth and teens were at different developmental stages.

Michelle Greko, Alpena, questioned if the Library Card Policy's different types of library cards restricting access to materials based on age complied with American Library Association standards and if other libraries were using these different types of library cards. She stated the decision for what books children were allowed to read was the responsibility of their parents. Greko suggested the board defer to Markowski as they determine how involved the library director should be in the Reconsideration Procedure.

Michael Kramer, Alpena, complimented the board on trying to denote what books children were allowed to check out based on the different types of library cards. He suggested the library collection be reduced so library cards are less problematic.

Adjournment: It was moved by Graham with support from Fulkerson to adjourn the meeting. Budd declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Collins

Secretary

Carmen Grubaugh

Recording Secretary