

FDL Public Library Board Minutes

September 18, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, September 18, in the Community Room and via Zoom, the regular meeting of the Fond du Lac Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: None. Those also in attendance included Library Interim Director Lori Burgess, Youth Services Coordinator Sarah Davis, Public Relations Coordinator Ian Stepleton, City of Fond du Lac HR Manager Jackie Braatz, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Moore. Motion to move New Business before Old Business in the agenda: Schroeder; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. Comments from the Public: John Witkowski, residing at 97 5th St., spoke regarding being allowed to bring a shopping cart into the Library.

* Hayes arrived at 4:35 pm.

3. Krikau presented a proclamation recognizing National Friends of Libraries Week to Nancy Groff, Karla Donohue and Lauren Herlache; all members of the Friends of the Fond du Lac Public Library.

4. Crystal Zuhlke-Fitzwater and Lora Vahlsing gave a presentation about Design Lab.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the August Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes: Simon; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote.

B., C., D. and E. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the August 11th, August 25th, September 9th, and September 11th Search Committee Meetings. Motion to approve the minutes: Simon; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote; abstentions from Herlache, Schroeder, Myrechuck and Wood-Taylor.

6. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for August.

7. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Herlache; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting none (0). Myrechuck questioned the extra expenses on the Design Lab. Moore explained that we separate the miscellaneous supplies and personnel on the budget for Design Lab. At this time, we are over budget, but Dramatic Results is hoping there will be funds from another ecosystem to cover that.

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve as presented: Simon; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. Monthly Statistics

9. Administrative Reports:

* Burgess shared that Emmons has finished up Emmons has finished up the installation of all furniture.

* Brault gave praise to Burgess for her presentation to City Council after just a few days as interim director.

* Krikau gave a shout-out for the new Design Lab video.

* Schroeder asked about the power outage for the solar panel project and how that will affect the All Staff meeting. Burgess shared that staff will be out on field trips at other area libraries that day in the morning and then meeting back at Thelma in the afternoon, so it will not affect the meeting.

* Herlache asked if the Seed Project was looking for other areas of grant funding. Burgess stated that Dramatic Results did file for a reconsideration for the current grant, but they had not heard anything back yet. Krikau asked what it would cost the library to fund it for one year, and Burgess shared it would be about \$300,000. Burgess did state that her and Josh Cowles had discussed possibly supporting the school year camps and had decided at this time to not discuss it any further.

11. New Business:

A. Board Elections: Krikau elected to select the full board as members of the nominating committee for the board officers. Myrechuck nominated himself to continue as treasurer. Simon laid out a slate of officers as follows: President – Dusty Krikau; Vice-President – Brendan Wood-Taylor; Secretary – Emily Hayes; Treasurer – Jay Myrechuck. Motion to accept slate of officers: Herlache; second: Schroeder; carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Old Business:

A. Summer Reading Program Report: Burgess shared that the summer reading program went well again this year, with the numbers being right on par with last year.

B. Library Director Hiring Update & C. Wage Study Discussion: Motion to recess the regular meeting and to reconvene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss the library director hiring update and the wage study discussion: Hayes; second: Brault; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting none (0). The board convened in closed session at 5:22 p.m. Guests in closed session included Lori Burgess and Jackie Braatz. Burgess departed at 6:22 pm.

D. Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session: Simon; second: Hayes; carried by unanimous voice vote.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Hayes; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes
Secretary