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 21, 2026, at 4:00 pm by President Dustin Budd.

Present:
Board of Trustees: Dustin Budd, Julie Byrnes, Jennifer Graham, Traci Collins, Joe Fulkerson
Staff: Christina Markowski, Nancy Mousseau, Carmen Grubaugh
Guests: Christine Curley, Micah Olsen

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to accept the agenda with Health Insurance/Facilities Insurance/Cyber Insurance (Review/Approve Vendor) being changed from Old Business: D to Public Comment: B. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of September 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Graham with support from Fulkerson to accept the minutes from the September 16, 2026 meeting with the wording under Friends of the Library Report being changed from "school board member" to "FOL member." The motion passed.

Review and Approval of October 7, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Graham with support from Byrnes to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2026 special meeting. The motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed by Markowski.

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

Leadership Team Reports: Markowski noted Budd, Byrnes, and herself had a meeting to address her concerns. She apologized to Byrnes for not coming to her first and they had a conversation on how best to move forward.

The written reports were reviewed by Markowski.

Friends of the Library Report: Markowski stated the Friends of the Library (FOL) started sending out newsletters to try to increase membership and planned to provide refreshments at the Stephen Graham Jones author event.

Public Comment: Michelle Greko, Alpena, acknowledged Markowski's comments during the Team Leadership Reports, but noted the Board of Commissioners had been contacted twice with concerns about the board as of the October 7, 2026 special meeting. Greko expressed concerns about items appearing multiple times on the agenda using the Reconsideration of Library Materials Procedure still being on the October 21, 2026 agenda

even though it was approved during the July 15, 2026 meeting and scheduling the October 7, 2026 special meeting to resolve delayed financial matters from the September 16, 2026 meeting as examples. Greko thanked the board for their service and time.

B. Health Insurance/Facilities Insurance/Cyber Insurance (Review/Approve Vendor): Olsen represented Alpena Agency Insurance regarding health insurance. Curley represented Top O' Michigan Insurance regarding health insurance and commercial insurance. The board discussed and compared both insurance providers.

[Mousseau exited at 4:45 pm]

[Mousseau returned at 4:47 pm]

[Olsen exited at 4:57 pm]

It was moved by Graham with support from Fulkerson to have Top O' Michigan be the library's commercial insurance provider for the building. The motion passed.

It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to revise the motion to have Top O'Michigan be the library's commercial insurance provider for the building and health insurance provider. The motion passed.

Board Authority: Budd reviewed legal documents outlining and establishing the board's authority.

Old Business:

A. Reconsideration of Library Materials Procedures (Board Vote): It was moved by Byrnes with support from Fulkerson to adopt the Reconsideration of Library Materials Procedures with the change:

> "The Board, under the County Libraries Act 138 of 1917, has the final authority, and responsibility to determine if the material is in accordance with the Development Collection Policy."

[Mousseau exited at 5:47 pm]

> **Roll Call Vote:**
> Graham: No
> Collins: No
> Budd: Aye
> Fulkerson: Aye
> Byrnes: Aye

The motion passed.

B. Social Media Patron Policy (Board Vote): It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to adopt the Social Media Patron Policy as edited by lawyer Anne M. Seurynck. The motion passed.

It was moved by Collins with support from Graham to revise the motion so the Social Media Patron Policy be adopted with the first bullet point under D. Unauthorized Content being changed to:

> Obscene, illegal, sexually harassing, threatening speech, nudity (in comments or profile pictures), or sexually explicit content that meets the definition under MCL 722.671-722.684. The motion passed.

C. Collection Development Policy (Review): This item was tabled until the November 18, 2026 meeting to allow the board time to review changes made by the Personnel Committee.

Markowski suggested sharing Google Docs with the updated policies to all members of the board but setting Collins, Fulkerson, and Graham to view only mode whereas they would be able to view changes but be unable to make edits to the policies online.

Committee Reports: Markowski stated Dave Murphy Builders LLC would work on the wall repair after TRC Roofing was done replacing the roof.

New Business:

A.Budget 2026 Amendment/Adjustment: It was moved by Collins with support from Graham to approve the Budget 2026 Amendment/Adjustment as provided by Markowski. The motion passed.

B. Budget 2027: This item was tabled until the November 18, 2026 meeting to allow Markowski time to make adjustments based on the board's suggestions.

C. Cook Endowment Request: It was moved by Collins with support from Byrnes to use the Cook Endowment Fund to purchase Scantheus software, Scantheus OCR output software, and CopiBook software for $8,782. The motion passed.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Board Comment: Fulkerson questioned who supervised the Beyond Differences program. Markowski answered it was supervised by two staff members and the program was geared toward individuals who were mentally handicapped.

Budd addressed the prior public comment noting it would have been an error to move forward with Michigan CLASS during the September 16, 2026 meeting because the board needed to make sure it was authorized and acting in accordance with the library's investment policies.

Adjournment: It was moved by Collins with support from Fulkerson to adjourn the meeting. Budd declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next meeting will be

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Markowski noted the library’s new lighting system saved $581.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Collins
Secretary

Carmen Grubaugh
Recording Secretary