

Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees
FINAL Minutes
Date: June 1, 2026 - 4:30 PM
Location: Hastings Public Library, 227 E. State St., Hastings, MI 49058
Community Room

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order by Cloe Oliver at 4:28 p.m.

- Board members present: Jane Cybulski, Ellyn Main, Ann Devroy, Rebecca Lectka, Carol Dwyer, and Cloe Oliver. Not present were Sam Cale, Amanda Mattson, and Kelli Newberry.
- Also present was David Edelman ~~Edelman~~ and Tess Allarding.

2. AGENDA:

3. MINUTES: Carol Dwyer motioned to approve the May 4, 2026, minutes, seconded by Ann Devroy. Motion approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: Received positive notes and letters from Patrons.

5. FINANCIALS:

- a. April invoices and Budget Report: Rebecca Lectka motioned to approve the financials, seconded by Carol Dwyer. Motion approved.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORTS

- a. May 2026
- b. April 2026 Infographic

7. COMMITTEES

- a. Budget and Finance –
- b. Building and Grounds – Scheduled spring walk thru June 10, 2026
- c. Personnel – Moved to June 15, 2026
- d. Policy-
- e. Marketing-
- f. Endowment-

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Moved this item to unfinished business for future vote.** Discuss how to use spendable endowment funds of ~\$26,755. As of May 18, 2026, the Endowment contains \$ 26,755.72 in “spendable contributions.” This money currently contributes towards our annual endowment earnings, but could be considered for other uses. Note this “spendable” amount fluctuates slightly, so at the time of any transfer or withdrawal, it will be slightly higher or lower than indicated here.

Options include:

1. Shift it into “non-spendable” within the Endowment where it will earn more long-term investment income than leaving it in “spendable.” Rough estimates are that this could add \$1,071 to the annual payout in the short-term. As the total value compounds over time, earnings should continue to increase. Moving to “non-spendable” cannot be undone.

2. Withdraw it for current library expenses. This will reduce Endowment earnings in the long term but how much cannot be easily quantified. It should be a very small percentage. This option is not ideal as the money is not currently needed. Once window work is complete, however, it could help offset any un-recouped attorney & consultant fees. If this option is chosen, the offset will occur in whatever fiscal year the transaction happens; it cannot be delayed or back-dated.

3. Shift it to the Capital Fund. This might better protect the amount from investment loss, as the Capital Fund is more conservatively invested, and hold it for planned roof repairs. That would bring the total Capital Fund “spendable” to ~\$65,406.67, which could be withdrawn to help pay for the roof when the work is done.

- b. Handicap Parking Update – hoping to start this project in the early fall.
- c. Updated 2026 Board Training Outline
- d. July 6 & August 3 Meeting Updates – Longer Sessions
 - a. July: John McNaughton, Grand Rapids Public Library Director
 - b. August: Workplace Genius workshop with Mid Michigan Library league Director Jennifer Balcom

10.PUBLIC COMMENTS

11.BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

12.NEXT MEETING Next board meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.