

**IOSCO-ARENAC DISTRICT LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

Place: **Iosco-Arenac District Library Headquarters, 120 W. Westover St., East Tawas, MI**

Date: **October 8, 2026**

Present: **Kathi Benchley, Rick Rockwell, Sue Kingsbury, Phyllis Klender, Dan Stock, Susan Synowiec, Thelma Van Brenk and Kari Besancon**

Absent: **Linda Eyer**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Susan Synowiec.
Synowiec introduced new Trustee, Kathi Benchley.

2. Oath of Office: Newly Appointed Trustee

Kathi Benchley, of Arenac County, read and signed the Oath of Office, witnessed by JoAnn Edwards, Notary Public who then signed and stamped the Oath of Office form.
The original will be mailed to the Arenac County Clerk on Friday, October 9, 2026.

3. Approval of the Agenda

**Rockwell and Klender motioned and seconded approval of the agenda, as amended.
Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent.
Motion carried.**

4. Public Participation and Reports from the Friends Groups

Friends of the Oscoda Library have a new President taking over. The Friends of the Tawas City are planning their 20th anniversary celebration to be held on October 24, 2026. All are welcome. Friends of the Whittemore Library are planning a small Halloween party with baskets, prizes and pizza. They are shifting their focus on the community rather than focusing only on the schools.

5. Board Comments

On the topic of detail, it was noted that board minutes serve to record actions, not discussions.

6. Approval of the Minutes from the September 10, 2026 Board Meeting

Stock and Van Brenk motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2026 Board Meeting. Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report

Kingsbury and Klender motioned and seconded approval of the Treasurers Report.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kathi Benchley, aye; Linda Eyer, absent; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.

8. Ratification of Bills

Kingsbury and Rockwell motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #26-23 dated September 17, 2026 in the amount of \$69,717.85, **Voucher #26-24** dated September 24, 2026 in the amount of \$41,063.54 and **Voucher #26-25** dated October 8, 2026 in the amount of \$23,460.72. **A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kathi Benchley, aye; Linda Eyer, absent; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.**

9. Director's Report

Statistics and Reports

The type of circulation data that could be most valuable was discussed.

10. Old Business

A. Polaris, Merit, USF, and MeL Cat updates

Nothing to report at this time.

B. Standish Donor Updates

Some board members met with the Standish donor; information will be shared as it is available.

C. Policy 5.8 for the Employee Handbook: Conference and Travel

Questions about expectations of attendees representing IADL were discussed. Policy finalization and approval is moved to next month.

D. Insurance Update

The Property insurance discussed covers valuable paperwork at all branches.

11. New Business

A. Approval of 2027 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board unanimously approved the new 2027 Board Meeting Schedule.

Klender and Kingsbury motioned and seconded approval of the 2027 Board Meeting Schedule. Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.

B. Headquarters Building Update

The board discussed options for the headquarters building upon lease expiration.

C. Programming Grants (if any)

No new grant requests.

12. Items for Next Agenda

A. Policy 5.8 for the Employee Handbook: Conference and Travel

B. Update on Standish, Au Gres and Omer

C. Approve adjustment of 2026 budget

D. 2027 budget

E. Director Evaluation

13. Adjournment

Chairperson, Susan Synowiec adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JoAnn Edwards
Recording Secretary

A quorum of **five** is needed to conduct business.

If you cannot attend or need directions, please call Kari or JoAnn at 989-362-2651.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CALENDARS/PLANNERS.

REMINDER-The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm

At Headquarters

120 W. Westover, East Tawas, MI