

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center**

Council Members Present: Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Joe Zappacosta (SM)

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois

Absent: Stef Reed (MG)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:27 by Elyshia Hoekstra.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Cierra Bakovka moved, supported by John McNaughton to approve the agenda - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) None
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mary Cook moved, supported by James Pugh, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from **date** – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS:** Nothing to report.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ann shared that we have a Sierra upgrade to 6.5 on 3/18. This version allegedly will mitigate the time-outs during self-checkout on the BiblioCommons app. Ann shared that the GRPL/KDL Patron lookup tool's login information has been updated and the password was sent out via email. This password will now change twice a year. She also shared that inventory appears to be going well for the libraries. The quarterly meeting is also coming up next month. Ill will be giving a demo of Polaris to all Lakeland members on 3/16 at 2 PM – Polaris is currently being considered by the ILS Evaluation committee for a possible ILS switch.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** Amber shared that all Biblio products and Patron Point are functioning as expected. She also shared that the BiblioStats on LLC Reports for January are incorrect currently – the numbers for January and February are the same in error. She will send an email when the January numbers are corrected. She also shared her process for auditing and amending the LLC website for WCAG 2.1 AA standards.
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Carol assured everyone that the Delivery project is the priority but she is still working on Strategic planning for the libraries.
- 10) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA (& ALA):** MLA facilitated meetings with 2 senators and all legislators (or their staff) regarding advocacy. The meetings went well across party lines. Meetings for the next budget are beginning, despite disputes over previous legislation. Nothing new on the Michigan-front since the February report.
- 12) **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a) Summer Reading Planning Discussion
 - i) Cierra Bakovka shared that they are doing a scratch-off reading log.
 - ii) Discussion ensued regarding paper vs. online logging
 - iii) Merri Jo Tuinstra shared that Sparta is having their first big kickoff party and Maranda will be covering it for the news.
 - b) Networking Opportunities
 - i) Carol began a discussion regarding whether members would like more networking opportunities and asked for ideas regarding events.
 - c) ALA Bus Trip
 - i) ALA is in Chicago this year.
 - ii) Carol shared that Woodlands is getting a bus.
 - iii) It was also suggested that carpools may be coordinated.

13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika has hired a fundraising consulting firm to help fundraise for their expansion project.
- b) Maggie McKeithan asked if anyone used the Palace Project, and asked to speak with them after the meeting.
- c) Deanna Riggleman shared that Tamarack got an anonymous \$500,000 donation to their community fund.
- d) Kevin Meyer shared that Hopkins has their first makerspace and it is available a few times a week.

14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday April 9, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center.

15) **ADJOURNMENT:** Abby Black moved, supported by Ingrid Boyer, to adjourn at 10:56 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain