

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Monday, April 7, 2025

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Audrey Barker on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the fifth floor Board Room at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance**

Members Present: Alexis Antracoli, Audrey Barker, Joe Calvaruso, David Chhum, Ross Fort, Mia Murphy, Melissa Lambert, Stacy Nowicki, Steven D. Rigoni, Randy Riley, Megan Rose, Lance Werner.

Members Absent: Julianne Claydon, De'Janae Douglas.

Staff Present: Michelle Bradley, Lori Poznanski-Mason (notetaker), Sarah Shaw, David Votta.

Guests/Partners: Rachel Ash, Steven Bowers (*via Zoom*), Megan Dudek (*via Zoom*), Donna Calvaruso, Lily Guiney (*via Zoom*), Becky Lowe, Mies Martin.

**Mission Statement and Public Participation**

Board Chair Audrey Barker read the Mission Statement and State Librarian secretary Lori Poznanski-Mason read the instructions for public participation.

**Agenda**

LANCE WERNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Meeting Minutes**

LANCE WERNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair**

Board Chair Audrey Barker presented her report.

**Board**

**Members**

Board members presented their reports.

**Partnership Reports**

The reports from the Library Cooperatives of Michigan, the Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA), the Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), and Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) were included in the Board packet.

Steven Bowers spoke about the LCM report via Zoom.  
Mies Martin reported on MiALA.  
Becky Lowe presented the MASL report.  
Megan Dudek highlighted the MCLS report over Zoom.  
Rachel Ash shared the MLA report.

**State Librarian's Report**

State Librarian Randy Riley presented the State Library Report, which is attached.

New Foundation Director Sarah Shaw presented a Foundation update and spoke about the Night for Notables event.

Special Collections Manager David Votta presented Special Collections updates.

**Board Discussion – Old Business**

**2025 Vice-Chair Nomination** Lance moved to approve Megan Rose as Vice-Chair of the Library of Michigan Board.

**Basic Library Policies/ Templates Committee** Members interested should contact Megan Rose.

**Board Letter of Support Related to Loss of Federal Funds** Board Chair Audrey Barker and fellow Board members Mia Murphy, Joe Calvaruso, Stacy Nowicki, and Alexis Antracoli will draft a letter of support regarding loss of federal funding.

**Board Discussion – New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Adjournment**

MEGAN ROSE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:28 A.M.

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Audrey Barker, Board Chair



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Randy Riley, State Librarian

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**State Librarian Report**  
**Library of Michigan Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- **Dr. Michael Rice:** Dr. Rice announced his retirement on Friday, April 4. He will be stepping away from his position leading the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) on October 3, 2025.
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services News:** The administration issued an Executive Order on March 14, 2025, calling for the elimination of all IMLS activities and functions that were not statutorily required. The EO has created a level of uncertainty about the funds the LM receives through the Grants to States program. Several grants and program have been halted. LM staff will not be traveling to the American Library Association (ALA) conference in Philadelphia, PA in June.
- **Potential Impacts with the Loss of IMLS Funding:** About 75% of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds through IMLS go towards supporting MeL and MeLCat. \$1.7 million in state funds also support the program.
  - MeL and MeLCat
  - Digital Preservation Library of America (DPLA) participation
  - Michigan Digital Preservation Network (MDPN) participation
  - Librarian and Trustee Training Programs
  - Library and Trustee Resource Materials
  - Summer Reading Program
  - Technology Support to Public Libraries
- **Night for Notables:** The Night for Notables celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Michigan Notable Book (MNB) author Curtis Chin (Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant) is the keynote speaker. Space is still available. The MNB author tour has been finalized for April through June.