Portage Lake District Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The special meeting of the Portage Lake District Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Sylvia Matthews on July 20, 2026, at 7:01 PM in the Portage Lake District Library Community Room. Board members present were Sylvia Matthews, Timothy Scarlett, Lora Repp, Joanna Chopp, Will Cantrell, and Allison Neely. Absent was Jennifer Donovan.

Staff members present were Susan Autio, Fawn Lucero, Catie Gardner, Holly Nemiroff, Anna Leppanen, and Boni Ashburn.

There were no guests in attendance.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board/Correspondence: No members of the public were present.

Motion by Cantrell, supported by Scarlett, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of new director candidates/vote – Board members, search team members, and interim directors discussed the pros and cons or each of the two candidates who interviewed in person last week. All agreed that both candidates were qualified and would serve PLDL well as director. Tim asked the staff present for any additional comments. A blind straw vote was taken which ended in a tie. At this point the board went into a closed session to discuss each candidate's merits in detail and reach a consensus. Following the closed session, motion by Repp, supported by Scarlett to reopen the meeting to the public. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Cantrell, supported by Repp to offer the position of PLDL Director to Mona Granroth. The board members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: No members of the public were present.

Adjournment: Motion by Scarlett, supported by Chopp, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Portage Lake District Library Community Room.