

### Minutes

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Trustees Bederman (Chair), Cox, Fishman (ex-officio), Mullman

**OTHER WPLD TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Trustees Pasko, Sennett

**OTHER WPLD TRUSTEES NOT PRESENT:** Trustee Di Lorenzo

**WPLD STAFF PRESENT:** Anthony Auston (Director), Human Resources Manager Mike Boone, Finance Manager Sandra Discepolo **VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**Meeting Purpose.** Discuss second draft of Working Budget for FY2025-2026.

**Call to Order and Roll Call.** Committee Chair Bederman called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and Director Auston called roll.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Minutes of the May 9, 2025 Finance Committee Minutes.** Trustee Bederman moved approval of the minutes as presented. Trustee Fishman seconded.

Aye – Bederman, Cox, Fishman, Mullman

Nay – None

Not voting – Pasko, Sennett

Absent – Di Lorenzo

Motion carried by Committee Members.

**Presentations.** None

**Action Items.** None

**Discussion Items.**

Review of Second Draft of Working Budget for FY2025-2026. Copies of the draft Working Budget (income and expenditures) for FY25-26 and supplemental narrative overview were posted and provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Trustees Bederman and Fishman reviewed the library's financial position from PMA's prior year projections as well as general comments on the second draft of the budget. Director Auston presented the budget and narrative overview in detail.

**Closed Meeting.**

Trustee Cox moved the board to convene in a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09pm and was recorded.

Trustee Fishman seconded.

Aye – Bederman, Cox, Fishman, Mullman

Nay – None

Not voting – Pasko, Sennett

Absent – Di Lorenzo

Motion carried by Committee Members.

The Closed Meeting convened at 4:15pm and adjourned at 5:32pm.

**Call the Open Meeting to Order and Call the Roll for Open Meeting.**

Director Auston reconvened the Open Meeting to order at 5:32pm and called the roll. Six trustees were present.

Attendance: Trustees Bederman, Cox, Fishman, Mullman, Pasko, Sennett

Absent: Trustees Di Lorenzo

Staff Present: Anthony Auston (Director), Human Resources Manager Mike Boone, Finance Manager Sandra Discepolo

**Recommend to the Board in Open Meeting.**

Trustees noted their consensus agreement with the proposed FY25-26 operating budget as presented, following detailed discussion of the draft. Trustees also noted approval of the personnel budget as discussed, including consensus to amend the proposed annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) to 3.5% for all staff, up from the originally presented 3% increase. Trustees noted their appreciation of staff.

**New Business.** None.

**Adjournment.** Trustee Bederman moved adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote of Committee Members. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm and was recorded.

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Eric Bederman, Board Treasurer, Chair of the WPLD Finance Committee