

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

WARREN MAYBELLE BURNETTE LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM

WARREN, MI 48089

November 21, 2025

6:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Natalie Piernak.

2. **Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Annette Majka, Emma Howard, Zosia Ladak, Natalie Piernak, Lorie Barnwell, and William Rudd.

Also Attending: O. Urban, Director of Warren Public Libraries, J. Garos, Human Resource Director, C. Murphy, City of Warren Attorney, H. Newnan, Warren City Council.

Absent: Don McIntosh. Howard motioned to excuse McIntosh's absence. Majka supported. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Ladak motioned to approve the agenda, Howard supported. Motion carried.

4. Interviews of 3 candidates for library director position--Library Commission interviewed the three candidates for library director position as follows:
 - Todd Humble, Library Director, West Florida Public Libraries: connected to Humble via Zoom; J. Garos presented the interview questions.
 - Lorena McDowell, Library Director, Fraser Public Library: interview took place after Humble in the meeting room; J. Garos presented the interview questions.
 - Maria McCarville, Library Director, Public Libraries of Saginaw: interview took place after McDowell in the meeting room; J. Garos presented the interview questions.

5. **Audience Participation:** Newnan expressed approval of Humble and McCarville with some reservations for each. A library staff member expressed her desire to have a director with good communication amongst the library system. A branch manager shared her hope for the future library under the new director.

6. **Discussion:** Commissioners discussed their initial thoughts of the candidate interviews. It was agreed that Humble and McCarville were the standouts.
7. **Next Meeting Date** – January 15, 2026
8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Rudd, supported by Majka. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.