

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WARREN CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – MARK TWAIN ROOM

1 CITY SQUARE SUITE 100

WARREN, MI 48093

February 19, 2026

6:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Natalie Piernak.
2. **Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:** Lorie Barnwell, Annette Majka, Natalie Piernak, and William Rudd.

**Also Attending:** M. McCarville, Director of Warren Public Libraries, C. Murphy, City of Warren Attorney.

**Absent:** Emma Howard; Majka motioned to excuse her absence, supported by Barnwell. The motion carried.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - a. Rudd motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Majka. The motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. **Regular Meeting January 15, 2026**
    - i. Piernak introduced an amendment to the Meeting Minutes to include the approval of the Action Item allowing one week of overlap with Urban and McCarville to end 1/30/2026. Barnwell motioned to approve the amended 1/15/26 minutes, supported by Rudd. The motion carried.
5. **Financial Reports:** M. McCarville reported on the financial state of the Warren Public Library Branches. The FY27 Budget Request has been submitted.
6. **Director's Report:**
  - a. **Unique Management:** Continuing to collect money for lost and missing items for the library system.
  - b. **Branch Updates:** Busch additional shelving in teen room scheduled to installed 2/20/2026. The Library of Things collection will be available at Miller the first week of March. The broken window pane in children's room is in the process of being replaced.
  - c. **Current Projects:** The construction of the new unnamed library is progressing and the furniture has been selected.

- d. Services: Received a check from SLC for ProPay credit transactions totaling \$559.04
  - e. Staffing: Urban's last day of work was January 30, 2026. McCarville started January 26, 2026. Haines will start as an Office Assistant at Civic Center on February 23.
  - f. Marketing/Outreach: Spring quarterly printing of Warren Today, Activity Guide will be mailed out to Warren residents soon.
  - g. Discussion items:
    - i. Discussed the naming of the new library branch, decreasing the charge of lost library cards from \$2 to \$1 and not charging for scanning services.
7. **Audience Participation:** Support in favor of naming the library after the Bailey family. An audience member raised concern about the agenda and discontinuing the homebound delivery program.
8. **Action Items:**
- a. Barnwell motioned to name the new library the Carado and Ruby Bailey Library pending approval of Mrs. Ruby Bailey. Rudd supported. The motion carried.
  - b. Rudd motioned to charge \$1 for lost patron library cards. Majka supported. The motion carried.
  - c. Majka motioned to no longer charge for scanning services. Barnwell supported. The motion carried.
  - d. Majka motioned to approve a one week overlap of director salaries for our current director, the overlap to end January 30th. Barnwell supported. The motion carried.
9. **Friends of the Warren Public Library:** Majka reported that the bookstore will be having their bag sale this Friday and Saturday.
10. **S. L. C. Report:** McCarville visited the SLC office for a tour and training.
11. **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Majka for her dedication and wisdom.
12. **Next Meeting Date** – March 19, 2026
13. **Adjournment:** Majka motioned to adjourn the meeting, supported by Barnwell. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.