

**MINUTES OF THE
BAY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 23, 2025**

Paul Travis, Chairperson, called the Special Board meeting of the Bay County Library System Board of Trustees to order at 2:00 p.m. on July 23, 2025 in the Kantzler Community Room of the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library.

Roll call present: Sherry Bledsoe, Mary Herr, Charlie Parke, Doug Stone, Paul Travis

Other: Kevin Ayala and Jolene Faber

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No input from the public

CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Library Director Interview

J. Faber asked each candidate the same series of questions, allowing for their response with the opportunity for the candidate to ask any questions they had for the board. Those questions were followed by each candidate's 15-minute presentation. Each interview took approximately 1 hour beginning with: Kirsten Wellnitz at 2:00 pm and Paulina Poplawska at 3:30 pm.

Each candidate, Kristen Wellnitz and Paulina Poplawska, were asked to prepare a 15-minute presentation on the following:

'If you are offered this position, what will be your top three priorities for BCLS and how will you determine them?'

P. Travis asked for a recess after Kirsten Wellnitz's interview.

Motion by M. Herr, seconded by C. Parke to recess until 3:30. Motion Carried.

P. Travis asked for a motion to go back into interview session.

Motion by M. Herr, seconded by C. Parke to go back into interview session at 3:33. Motion Carried.

Trustees thanked each of the candidates for their interest in the position of Library Director for the Bay County Library System.

The questions have been attached to these minutes.

ADJOURN

Motion by C. Parke, seconded by D. Stone, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer

Jolene Faber
Recording Secretary