



**Dexter District Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Barbara Davenport, Martha Gregg, Donna Palmer, Sherry Simpson, Shelly Vrsek
Members absent: James Estill, Cassy Korinek, Jim LaVoie
Others present: Paul McCann, Library Director
Michelle Joppeck, Recording Secretary
Chris Dotson, Holistic Leadership Solutions

President Vrsek called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Vrsek called for additions/changes to the presented agenda. No changes or additions were requested. Palmer moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Second by Simpson. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, nay=none, absent=3. Motion carried.

Vrsek called for corrections to the minutes of the April 6, 2026 regular Board Meeting. No corrections were requested. Simpson moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2026 regular Board Meeting as presented. Second by Davenport. A voice vote was taken. Aye=4, nay=none, abstain=Gregg, absent=3. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Chris Dotson – Holistic Leadership Solutions – presentation on transition consulting

Chris Dotson presented his Leadership Transition Partnership proposal. Discussion was held and questions were asked and answered regarding the leadership transition timeline, assistant director role, and proposal options. Dotson was thanked for his time and left the meeting.

Consent Agenda: Vrsek called for consideration of the Consent agenda, including the following: Library Director's narrative report; Friends of the Library report; Balance Sheets; Library statistical report; items from Legislature, local municipalities and other organizations; and patron comments. Simpson moved to approve the Consent agenda. Second by Gregg. A roll call vote was taken. Vrsek=aye, Simpson=aye, Palmer=aye, Gregg=aye, Davenport=aye, absent=3. Motion carried.

Circulation Statistics: Statistical charts for the month of April 2026 were available for review. The statistics are appended to the end of the minutes for formatting purposes.

Treasurer's Report: The current Treasurer's report was included in the Board packet. The bills paid since the last board meeting were reviewed. Gregg moved to approve the bills paid since the last board meeting. Second by Palmer. A roll call vote was taken. Simpson=aye, Palmer=aye, Gregg=aye, Davenport=aye, Vrsek=aye, absent=3. Motion carried.

Budget Changes: None

Reimbursement: None

Personnel: Library staff who reach their anniversary date of hire in the month of May include Adult Reference Librarian Amy Johnson (17 years) and Library Assistants Sandy Colson (20 years), Olivia Fitzgerald (3 years), and Karen Metz (2 years). All were included in the 2026 wage rate adjustments therefore no Board action was necessary.

The Library hired Library Page Natalie Benson starting 4/17/2026 at a wage rate of \$13.73/hour. Palmer move to approve the hiring of Natalie Benson at a starting wage of \$13.73/hour. Second by Simpson. A roll call vote was taken. Palmer=aye, Gregg=aye, Davenport=aye, Vrsek=aye, Simpson=aye, absent=3. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Resolution on Medical Benefits was discussed, but not enough trustees were present to pass the resolution.

Due to the number of absent trustees, the Board was not comfortable voting on the transitional consultant proposal.

Since hotspots are leased equipment, software cannot be installed to hotspots to turn them off remotely. Simpson recommended maybe having the few people that this an issue for to no longer be allowed to checkout a hotspot for x amount of time. The Policy Committee will look into the issue.

New Business:

Vrsek, Simpson, Estill, and LaVoie's terms expire September 30, 2026. McCann asked Vrsek and Simpson, who were in attendance, to think about whether they are interested in continuing to serve or not. McCann will check and follow up with Estill and LaVoie.

Public Comment: None

Board Member Comments: None

Adjournment: Having completed all items on the agenda, Gregg moved to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Second by Davenport. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, nay=none, absent=3. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Davenport,
Secretary



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary

April 2026			
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<u>Circulation Statistics</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>%change</u>
Adult Books	3919	4178	-6%
Young Adult Books	867	904	-4%
Children's Books	8001	8675	-8%
Magazines	55	80	-31%
DVD	1217	1473	-17%
Books on CD	319	321	-1%
Music CD	194	190	2%
Realia/Objects/Equip	58	46	26%
Overdrive	4909	5816	-16%
hoopla	2364	2310	2%
Kanopy	623	793	-21%
Staff/Patron renewals	1240	1527	-19%
Auto-renewals	8386	8839	-5%
In-House	1622	1499	8%
Total	33774	36651	-8%
Library visits	11052	11993	-8%
Reference questions	1936	2566	-25%
Items withdrawn	986	685	44%
New items added	951	896	6%
Total holdings	111902	112466	-1%
New cards issued	58	102	-43%
Total card holders	11004	11051	0%
Internet usage	1422	1577	-10%
Museum/Park Pass	21	12	75%
Web site visits	11259	13440	-16%
Program attendance	1926	2188	-12%
Fax	21	26	-19%
ILL lent out	1695	1693	0%
ILL borrowed	2765	2719	2%
Unique borrowers	1770	2089	-15%
Study Room Use	188	225	-16%
Total monthly ROI delivered to the community through use	\$489,237	\$494,020	*from Library Value Calculator