Viking Library System
Governing Board
Tuesday, May 19, 2026; 6:00 p.m.

Vice Chair, Pat Lesmeister-Nelson called the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

Board members attending were Nina Battistini, Becky Beyer, Doris Crane (remote -- schedule conflict), LeAnn Dean, Steve Foster, Paul Gremmels, Sharon Hintgen, Bob Lahman, Pat Lesmeister-Nelson, Jo Rudnitski, Dave Schultz, Roger Schultz, and Jeff Way. Staff members attending were Erin Smith, Gail Nordstrom, Julia Davis, and Jody Lehn. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Viking Library System.

Roll call and approval of agenda

Steve Foster made a motion to approve the VLS Governing Board agenda for May 19, 2026. Jeff Way seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome to new Governing Board Member

Pat Lesmeister-Nelson read the Oath of Office with Roger Schultz.

VLS Website: Board Portal Demonstration by Jesse Schake

Consent Agenda

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Acceptance of WCI Grant for Civic Hub Project

Jeff Way made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bob Lahman seconded. Motion carried.

Financials

2025 Audit Results and Financial Statements

Eric Smedsrud from CLA went over the audit results.

Bob Lahman made a motion to approve the 2025 audit for VLS. Paul Gremmels seconded. Motion carried.

Bills

One late bill was added; Empathy Studios, ILC for $1,599.00.

Sharon Hintgen made a motion to the list of disbursements with the one late bill as presented. Bob Lahman seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Bob Lahman made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted. Jeff Way seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

See written report in board packet.

Legislative update (verbal)

See written report in board packet.

Committee

Budget

2027 Preliminary Budget (informational)

Erin shared that she has begun working on the preliminary draft of the 2027 VLS Budget, which will be brought to the June VLS Executive Committee for review and discussion. Typically, the full VLS Board considers the member county appropriation requests during its regular July Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan review and Update

The Board discussed desired updates to the Strategic Plan, including potential Board education activities.

NLLN Board Vacancy

No update.

New Business

MNLINK Library Agreement Addendum No.1

LeAnn Dean made a motion to sign the MNLINK Library agreement addendum No. 1 as presented. Nina Battistini seconded. Motion carried.

Policy Review and Member Education

None.

Local Library Boards, NLLN Governing Board

None.

Jeff Way made a motion to adjourn. Jo Rudnitski seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Lehn, Office Coordinator.