

**Bridgman Public Library
Special Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2025 - 11:00 A.M.**

Meeting Called to Order: 11:01 A.M. by Valauskas

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Valauskas, Fuller, Kole, Collins, Etter, Janoskey, Wilk
- **Excused:** Noll, Shaver, Worcester

Staff: Abele

Agenda Revisions: None

Guests: None

Public Comments: None

Status of search for Library Director:

- There are currently four candidates for the open Library Director position. Two of them are internal Bridgman Public Library employees and two are external applicants. Typically the Personnel and Policy Committee has taken the lead on the hiring process, however, they would like to see more Board Members get involved. Every candidate will go through the same process, whether they are internal or external. Interviews will begin next week. All candidates will need to meet at the library in-person for the interview. The job posting will officially close on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Motion made by Wilk to enter into a closed session at 11:43 A.M. to discuss confidential employee matters. Motion seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

Motion made by Fuller to reopen the public session at 12:14 P.M. Motion seconded by Valauskas. Motion passed.

Other Discussion Items:

- Valauskas spoke with a couple of architects about doing some space planning for the library – specifically for the staff work space/Director's office and the Children's area. The architects will be in next week to discuss needs with the staff.
- The Friends of the Library had a meeting yesterday and mentioned the possibility of covering the cost of newspapers for the library.

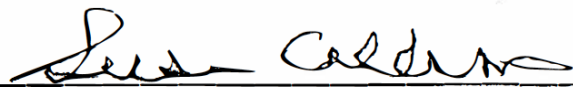
Action Item: Motion made by Etter to appoint Denise Malevitis, current BPL employee, as Interim Director. Motion seconded by Fuller. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Wilk to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 P.M. Motion seconded by Kole. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2025 - 9:00 A.M. at the library.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Abele

Approved by the Secretary:  Date: 10/28/25