

Berlin Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of July 8, 2026 meeting

The Berlin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order on July 8, 2026 by President Kay Roethel at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustees Blazel, Guertler, and Rainboth. Director Chris Kalupa was also in attendance. Also in attendance was City Council Liaison Missy Sorenson. Trustees Draves, Durtschi, and Malchetske were excused.

Public Present: None

President Roethel opened the meeting with a reminder that all email correspondence by board members should not be to the entire board in order to avoid violations of the open meeting laws.

Moved by Rainboth, seconded by Guertler to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting. Passed.

Moved by Rainboth, seconded by Guertler to accept the monthly bills for June. Passed.

Moved by Rainboth, seconded by Guertler to accept the Treasurer's report for June. Passed.

Motion by Blazel, seconded by Guertler to renew CD 703184 with Farmers and Merchants Bank, after which debate a motion was made by Rainboth and seconded by Guertler to include consideration of the offerings at Fortifi bank and to have Trustee Malchetske renew the CD in the most advantageous place. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with all members voting in favor.

Library Director's Report: complete copy attached to official minutes.

Moved by Rainboth, seconded by Guertler to approve the updated \$4523.55 interior painting quote for the WCTS areas and the front entryway of the Carnegie building from Splash of Color. Passed.

Moved by Guertler, seconded by Rainboth to approve the \$7,000.00 exterior painting quote for the Carnegie section from Human Ladder painting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with all members voting in favor.

President Roethel appointed Rainboth and Durtschi to the Carpeting Committee.

Friends of the Library: Trustee Sorenson and Director Kalupa reported on recent and future activity, including the farmers market meal and book sale.

Personnel committee plans to meet on August 12 at 4:00 in closed session.

Business for future agenda: Carpeting update, amend May minutes to include Blazel as a signer on the Fortifi account, personnel committee report, elevator update, painting update, window update, update from Malchetske on terms secured for CD 703184.

Moved by Blazel, seconded by Rainboth to adjourn at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Blazel, Secretary