



The Lapeer District Library will be the community's destination for resources, education, technology and connection.

**Lapeer District Library
Special Meeting of January 21, 2026
Oregon Township Hall
Minutes**

26S.01.01 Call to Order: Chris VanBelle called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

26S.01.02 Roll Call:

Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	Present
Bonnie Lawrence	County	12/31/2028	Absent
Kari Kohlman	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Peggy Brotzke	Lapeer Township	12/31/2029	Present
John DeAngelis	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Chris VanBelle	County	12/31/2029	Present
Carol Brown	Mayfield Township	12/31/2029	Present

Quorum is 4. There are 6 Board members present.

Also present are T. Denney (Library Counsel), Kara Haight (Assistant Director for Technical Services), members of the press and approximately 12 members of the community.

PRAYER/PLEDGE – Led by board members.

26S.01.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of agenda: Kari Kohlman motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

26S.01.04 Public Comments: Two members of the public spoke.

26S.01.05 Review of Stephen T. Banister contract – Requires Action Discussion about the contract including salary, start date and that the candidate passed a background check. Kari Kohlman motioned to enter into negotiations with the presented contract with the start date of February 23, 2026. John DeAngelis seconded. Roll call vote: Kari Kohlman – yes, Peggy Brotzke – yes, John DeAngelis -yes, Chris VanBelle – yes, Carol Brown- no, Bill Marquardt- no. The motion passes.

26S.01.06 Board Comments or Request for Information: Two board members gave comment. Bill Marquardt requested looking into using the Lapeer City Hall chambers for board meeting for no fee. John DeAngelis said he would contact Lapeer City Manager Mike Womack about the possibility.

26S.01.07 Public Comments: Two members of the public spoke.

26S.01.08 Adjournment: Kari Kohlman motioned to adjourn at 1:29 PM. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting:
Oregon Township Hall
February 19, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

Kara Haight – Recorder

Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

Chris VanBelle – Chair