

Pioneerland Library System Board Meeting Minutes
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026, 6:00pm
Willmar Public Library- 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room

August 20, 2026, meeting of the Pioneerland Library System Executive/Finance Committee was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Eric Rudningen. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Administrative Staff: Rachelle Golde, Director

Guest Attending: Andrew Bregar, Head Librarian

The **agenda** was approved on a motion by Duane Anderson, seconded by Paterson.

Minutes of July 16, 2026, Executive/Finance Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Thole and seconded by VanOrt.

Committee Reports:

- A. Financial Report and approval of bills and check registers. Approved on a motion by Stanberg and seconded by Winter.
- B. Personal Committee: New Hires
 - Carla Wikel- LA1 Hutchinson
 - Miles Schoell-Eddy- LA2 Canby
 - Kirsten Gurske-LA3 Ortonville
 - Adelyn Groskrutz- LA1 Litchfield
 - Laura Santo Rios- LA1 Willmar
 - Kaitlyn Purvis- LA2 Willmar

New hires were all approved on a motion by Paterson and seconded by Kling.

Old Business: Discussion and review of drafted policy for PLS board committee meetings to take place in a hybrid manner. It was decided to try doing a hybrid meeting in September to see where edits may be needed in the policy draft. Committee members can send Golde suggested changes for the draft policy.

New Business: RLTA FY26 Report completed, signature needed

Approved on a motion by Kling and seconded by Thole, report was signed by Chair Rudningen.

Director's Report:

1. 2025 Annual Report has been accepted by the state. A copy of the acceptance letter was given to Chair Rudningen.
2. Golde has been meeting one-on-one with the head librarians. Meetings are going well.
3. Julie Johansen has been selected to fill the vacancy for Hutchinson on the PLS full board.
4. Golde will be reaching to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committees. Work on these projects is likely to start after the full PLS Board meeting in October, with the approval of the hybrid meeting format for committees.

Other:

The next full board meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 7pm (Finance at 6:30pm). The next Executive/Finance meeting will be September 17, 2026, at 6pm and will be in a hybrid meeting format. November 19, 2026, Executive/Finance meeting will be at 6pm- meeting format is to be determined after the September meeting hybrid meeting trial.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm by Chair Rudningen.

Recording Secretary, Rachelle Golde