



**Leanna Hicks Library Board
Library Board Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:00pm**

Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster
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Board President:	Akindele Akinyemi	Board Vice-President:	Dr. Hester Shoats
Board Secretary:	Dr. Louise Edje	Board Treasurer:	Ruth E. Williams
Board Trustee:	Carolyn Wilson	Board Trustee:	Sharron Tate

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Pledge of Allegiance- Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call – Present - Dr. Louise Edje, Dr. Hester Shoats, Ruth E. Williams, Carolyn Wilson,

Absent and Excused - Akindele Akinyemi, Sharron Tate.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of a number 3 under New Business: Discussion/Action – Details of the fence bids.

Presentations: None

Minute

1. Approval of July 17, 2025 - Open Meeting Act meeting of the Library Board. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

1. Approval of July 2025 expenditures in the amount of \$29,742.77

Director's Report - Ms. Harijan informed the board that there has been a the change in the staffing. Both library aids are no longer with the library. She is looking forward to hiring experienced personnel. There was a brief discussion that a full-time librarian should be hired even if necessary, an amendment is needed with the budget. The thermostat in the workroom has been repaired. The lights are still broken and need to be repaired. The penal fines of \$70,684.00 have been paid. Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund of \$79,713.29 was received June 27, 2025. Also, the State Aid of \$14,352.10 has been received.

Committee Reports – None

Friends Report – It was reported that the Friends will meet next on the fourth Thursday of September. Also, the Board was informed that the Friends provided books from July 4 – September 3, 2025 at the Farmers' Market for anyone who saw a book they wanted to read.

38 **Unfinished Business**

- 39 1. Discussion/Action: Decision on security bids for the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster.
40 There were three proposals for security: TMH (Thomas H. Heffernan), Spartan 6 Security,
41 Black Diamond and Securitas. Members of the Board of Directors decided to continue this
42 discussion in the next meeting. Securitas will continue to service the library until the board
43 decides.
- 44 2. Discussion/Action: Decision on landscaping and snow removal bids for the Leanna Hicks
45 Public Library of Inkster. This discussion was tabled.
- 46 3. Discussion/Action: Updates on the sewer issue at the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster.
47 The board was informed that the city was called to look at the sewer problem at the back and
48 the parking lot. A motion was made for contractors submit bids to correct the sewer problem.
49 The motion was passed unanimously.

50 **New Business**

- 51 1. Discussion/Action: Pest Extermination for the 4th Annual Kids and Cooking program
52 hosted by the Wesley A. Bennett Foundation. This event will be held in the front of the
53 library. The spraying will be completed as requested.
- 54 2. Discussion/Action: Details regarding the fencing located behind the Leanna Hicks Public
55 Library of Inkster. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.
- 56 3. Discussion/Action: Details on the fence. This addition was the same as number 2 above.

58 **Public Comments** – Mr. Timothy Williams announced that on September 5, 2025 – Comedy
59 show at the Booker Dozier Complex. Dr. Louise Edge announced that the Funketeers of Inkster
60 will be on September 9, 2025 - Americas Got Talent. Also, she informed everyone about the
61 Masterpiece Tea on August 30, 2025, 12-3 p.m. at Inkster Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.
62 Mr. Timothy also informed the Board that Council woman Dee Richardson is having a
63 community fair on Saturday August 23, 2025, 10:00 – 3:00 at the Booker Dozier Complex.

64 **Board Communications** – There were no board communications.

65 **Closed Session:** Library Board may enter into Closed Session in accordance with Public Act
66 267 of 1976, Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

- Next Library Board regular meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

68 **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. (EST).

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Louise Edge, Ed.D. Secretary

Hester Shoats, Ed.D.- Vice - President

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