Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Directors of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation met via Zoom conferencing service. The FY 2026 Board Chair, Megan Rose, called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM Central/12:04 PM Eastern.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

FY 2026 Chair: Megan Rose
FY 2026 Vice-chair: Mariel Carter
FY 2026 Secretary: Leslie Moore
Other Board Members Present: Erin Matas, Meredith Sommers, Emera Bridger-Wilson, Heather Harris, and Katrina Rogers
Others Present: Tricia Wylie and Pamela Malmsten

Board Member Absent (Excused): Lynne Lesky

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made **to approve the agenda as presented** (MSC Heather Harris/Erin Matas). Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

September 22, 2026 Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting and the September 22, 2026 Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting: **A motion** was made **to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026 regular meeting and the September 22, 2026 membership meeting as presented** (MSC Meredith Sommers/Erin Matas). Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Pamela Malmsten presented the financial report. Since September financial reports had not yet been completed, the financial report consisted of a report on Annual Conference revenues and expenses. Pam estimated that total conference revenues would be $10,582 and total expenses would be $10,600, with a projected net loss of $326. The net loss will be covered by the Continuing Education Fund Balance which had a balance of $8,531.93 at the beginning of fiscal year 2026.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

UPRLC 2026 Annual Conference Committee Update: Committee members agreed that the 2026 conference was very successful. A survey has been distributed to conference participants and a 2027 committee has been formed.

UPRLC Policy Committee Report: The UPRLC Policy Committee has been working on revising UPRLC administrative policies. The committee will meet after conference season—likely in November. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Megan Rose, Pam Malmsten, or Tricia Wylie.

Unexpected Partnerships Committee Report/Discussion: Megan Rose presented a brief overview of the program. Unexpected Partnerships was established several years ago with the purpose of offering a program to all UPRLC members, including those who

were not members of the automated system. Committee members worked to facilitate partnerships and encourage collaboration between interested participants; partners were matched based on common interests. The committee has been somewhat inactive for the past couple of years. Original committee members were Megan Rose, Marc Boucher, and Amanda Winnicki. Amanda is now retired but Megan and Marc are interested in reviving the committee if at least one more person will join. Megan said she would send more information to the UPRLC group email list.

OLD BUSINESS: Pam Malmsten reminded everyone to return their conflict of interest forms prior to January 1, 2027.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for FY 2026/2027: Megan Rose indicated that she would be willing to retain the Chair position unless someone else was interested. After a short discussion, Leslie Moore said that she would be willing to serve as Treasurer and Erin Matas said she would be willing to serve as Secretary. Mariel Carter nominated Heather Harris for the Vice-chair position and Heather accepted the nomination. Megan called three times for other nominations and there were no additional nominations.

A motion was made **to approve the nominated slate of officers (Megan Rose Chair; Heather Harris, Vice-chair; Erin Matas Secretary; and Leslie Moore, Treasurer** (MSC Mariel Carter/Meredith Sommers). Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Board members agreed that a Doodle Poll would be sent out to determine the date of the next meeting. The next meeting will likely be held in February 2027; an earlier meeting will be scheduled if the Policy Committee has draft policies ready for discussion and approval prior to February.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:33 AM Central/12:33 PM Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Matas, Secretary

Pamela Malmsten, Recorder