



Recollection Wisconsin Governing Board Meeting Notes

Friday, February 7th | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Board Communications and Meeting Notes

The Governing Board discussed how best to balance transparency and safety in posting meeting documentation. While transparency remains a core value, the group agreed to shift to posting **abbreviated meeting summaries** rather than detailed notes online. Public summaries will remain available for the previous year, and full notes can be requested if needed. A longer-term plan for storing and preserving internal documentation will be developed by the Foundations Working Group.

DPLA Updates

- The Free Library of Philadelphia will become DPLA's new institutional home in 2026. Planning for this transition is ongoing.
- DPLA is launching a new grant program and forming planning and grant review committees. Those interested in participating can learn more at <https://bit.ly/dpla2025>.
- Recollection Wisconsin will pay the FY25 DPLA invoice, with individual contributions from Governing Board partners.

State Budget and Advocacy

Recollection Wisconsin is not requesting an increase in state funding for the 2025–2027 biennium. The Board is taking a strategic, low-profile approach to advocacy—sending thank-you notes and informational materials to key legislative contacts while remaining ready to respond if needed.

Strategic Initiatives and Program Updates

Recollection Wisconsin Digitization Initiative (RWDI)

- The fall cohort has wrapped, and the spring cohort is underway with placements at four institutions. Summer matching is currently in progress.

- Project managers are exploring federal funding opportunities to expand the program due to strong demand.

Digital Stewardship Courses

- A digital projects course offered in partnership with OCLC's WebJunction program was very successful, with 50 participants and a waitlist. Another offering is planned for fall 2025.

Metadata Working Group

- The group is drafting updates to Recollection Wisconsin's metadata guidelines with a focus on inclusive, community-informed practices. Public consultations are planned for later in the year, with the goal of releasing an updated version by the September 2025 Joint Meeting.

Foundations Working Group

- Following recent adoption of a revised mission, vision, and values, the group is examining possible future governance structures for Recollection Wisconsin. No changes are being proposed at this time; updates will be brought to the Board as the discussion progresses.

Budget Review

- The FY25 budget is progressing as planned.
- The Board reviewed the proposed FY26 budget, which supports these 2025–2027 strategic initiatives:
 - **Thematic digital collections** development
 - **Educator-focused user experience study**
 - **Creation of a statewide controlled vocabulary**
 - **Design and launch of a new website**
- The proposed budget will come up for final approval at the May 2025 Governing Board meeting.

2024 Year in Review

Board members reviewed the 2024 Year in Review report and expressed appreciation for the summary of accomplishments and activities.