



# Recollection Wisconsin Governing Board Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

## DPLA Transition Updates

Board members received an update on recent conversations with Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) leadership regarding its planned transition. Discussion focused on:

- The evolving role and structure of DPLA's cultural heritage aggregation
- Questions about future governance and opportunities for hub engagement
- The importance of maintaining transparency and collaboration during the transition process

The Board reaffirmed its commitment to staying informed, engaging with peers and partners, and exploring options to ensure continued access and sustainability for Wisconsin's digital collections. Planning efforts to evaluate long-term platform needs are ongoing.

## Foundations Working Group

The Foundations Working Group shared progress on clarifying the purpose and responsibilities of the Governing Board and Steering Committee. Draft statements of purpose and a responsibility matrix are under review, with continued focus on:

- Aligning governance structures with Recollection Wisconsin's mission and values
- Ensuring continuity, representation, and shared responsibility across groups
- Incorporating periodic review into governance practices

## Program and Project Updates

Written updates were provided on strategic initiatives and grant-funded projects, including digitization internships, website user experience improvements, and collaborative efforts supporting digital stewardship and preservation across the state.

## Budget Planning

The Board reviewed preliminary budget information for FY2027. Highlights included:

- Modest adjustments to project management and program costs
- Proposed increases to student support for the Recollection Wisconsin Digitization Initiative
- Continued review of platform and service expenses ahead of the final budget vote in May

### **Steering Committee and Reporting Updates**

The Steering Committee will meet in March to continue governance discussions and accessibility planning. The Board also approved shifting the annual report timeline to better align with the fiscal year while continuing to share collection statistics with partners each winter.

**Next Governing Board Meeting: May 12, 2026 (1:00–3:00 pm)**