

NOBLE Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes - Virtual September 18, 2025

Present: Kathy Lussier, Catherine McDonald, Theresa Hurley, Myron Schirer-Suter, Allison Babin, Brian Courtemanche, Abby Porter, Anna Sarneso

1. Call to Order

Catherine called the Special Meeting of the NOBLE Executive Board meeting to order to reconsider the FY27 Budget Recommendation to Members at 9:38AM.

2. Vote to Recommend FY27 NOBLE Budget to Members Meeting

Kathy got an email last night (9/17/25) from Gordon-Conwell Dean Dr. Gerry Wheaton regarding their potential membership in NOBLE. The email indicates that they plan to join for one year, as an opportunity to compare the services provided by the network with other paid services.

The board discussed the misconception that a member could join NOBLE on a one-year trial basis, the need for Kathy to further clarify the commitment with Gordon-Conwell, and the precariousness of the situation in regards to the budget.

The board discussed and agreed the best approach is to be most conservative with the proposed budget.

Brian made a motion to recommend the Proposed FY27 Budget with the 2.71% increase , seconded by Myron. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Business

Kathy reminded Executive Board that they already voted on the bottom line of increasing the OverDrive assessment by 3%. She has not had time to figure out a new formula. As an interim solution she suggested increasing each members' contribution by a flat 3% and working on a potential new formula for next year. No vote was needed due to the board's previous vote on the total OverDrive assessment. Kathy also noted that she is temporarily on a remote schedule again.

4. Adjournment

Myron moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Babin
Clerk