

Avon Public Library BOD Regular Meetings
Board Room, Avon Public Library
Date: February 17, 2026

Item	Summary					Disposition
Call to order	Anne McNeely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.					Quorum = 7
	Attendee	Role	Voting	Present	Absent	# 11 voting present
	Anne McNeely	BOD President	Y	Y		
	Paula Schwartz	BOD Vice President	Y	Y		
	Rob Berman	BOD Treasurer	Y	Y		
	Colette Slover	BOD Secretary	Y	Y		
	Deborah Sacks	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Himanshu Singh	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Jessica Panella	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Margery Lawrence	Friends of the Library	Y	Y		
	Natalie Bowers	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Nicole Nunziata	BOD Member	Y	N	Y	
	Noel Silva	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Varsha Dave	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Ashley Sroka, Reference Librarian	Staff Guest	N	Y		
	Glenn Grube	Library Director	N	Y		
	LeonaMae Page	Clerk	N	Y		
	Review and Approvals					
Review and Adoption of Agenda	Noel Silva made a motion to approve the agenda. Paula Schwartz seconded. (Approved.)					# 11 Yes
Review and Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes	Rob Berman made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Deborah Sacks seconded. Natalie Bowers abstained. (Approved.)					# 10 Yes # 1 Abstain
Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Rob	Rob Berman reviewed highlights from his written monthly report. Jess Panella reported that the Legacy Campaign working group has looked at legacy giving across the national and regional library landscape as well as at thirty Connecticut libraries. They have identified four libraries they plan to contact: Madison, Newington, Stonington, and Wilton. Margery Lawrence made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Noel Silva seconded. (Approved.)					# 11 Yes
	New Business					
Staff Guest Ashley Sroka, Reference Librarian	Ashley Sroka has been working in libraries for about ten years and in Avon Library's Reference Department since May 2025. She answered a variety of questions from her vast games and Library of Things experiences.					No Vote
Librarian's Report – Glenn	Glenn discussed highlights from his written report and the Town's budget presentation. The major increase in cost in the town budget this year is medical insurance coverage.					No Vote

Friends of the Library Report – Margery	National Ice Cream for Breakfast and Sundays at Three programs were both well attended despite inclement weather. Ticket sales for the author luncheon are going well. Basket donations are welcome.	No Vote
	Old Business	
Operations and Administration Committee Update	Nicole Nunziata will complete her term and leave the Board at the end of June. The annual board and board member self-assessments will be emailed shortly. Results will be compiled and reported in March. Anne led a discussion about the recent United for Libraries webinar viewing. Everyone seems to agree and appreciate that Avon Library’s board is positive and productive. The next webinar viewing is scheduled for March 26.	No Vote
Policy Committee update – Colette	The next policies to be reviewed will be the Exhibit Space Use, Internet Use, and History Room policies. Colette presented the Circulation Policy ready for Board approval. Glenn Grube reviewed the substantive changes in detail. Rob Berman made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Margery Lawrence seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
Marketing Committee update – Deborah	The Avon Then & Now community art challenge has been launched. Entries will be accepted until March 30. Deborah has been soliciting donations and reviewing the Library’s history.	No Vote
Staff Engagement update – Noel	Noel Silva plans to continue with staff interviews.	No Vote
Strategic Planning update – Paula & Natalie	No update	No Vote
Board Member Remarks	Members commented on personal travels.	No Vote
Adjournment	Paula Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Deborah Sacks seconded. (Approved.) The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.	# 11 Yes

Respectfully submitted, Colette Slover, Secretary