

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

Item	Summary					Disposition
Call to order	Paula Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7 pm.					Quorum = 7
	Attendee	Role	Voting	Present	Absent	# 12 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	Y		
	Noel Silva	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Varsha Dave	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Margo Baume	Potential Board Member	N	Y		
	Kristen Skelton, Library Assistant	Staff Guest	N	Y		
	Glenn Grube	Library Director	N	Y		
	LeonaMae Page	Clerk	N	Y		
	Review and Approvals					
Review and Adoption of Agenda – Paula	Jessica Panella made a motion to approve the agenda. Himanshu Singh seconded. (Approved.)					# 12 Yes
Review and Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes – Paula	Rob Berman made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Natalie Bowers seconded. Nicole Nunziata abstained. (Approved.)					# 11 Yes # 1 Abstain
Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Rob	Rob Berman provided an overview of the treasurer’s role for the benefit of guests and reviewed highlights from his monthly written report. Colette Slover made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Margery Lawrence seconded. (Approved.)					# 12 Yes
	New Business					
Introduction and welcome of guests – Anne	Margo Baume and her family frequently patronize Avon Library. Margo is a behavior analyst at Simsbury Public Schools. She works mostly with students with special needs and has interest in growing inclusion.					No Vote
Staff Guest Kristen Skelton, Library Assistant	Kristen Skelton has worked at Avon Library for eight years. She currently holds a 25 hour a week position at the Circulation Desk. She enjoys creating videos of displays and gallery exhibits for the Library’s social media accounts.					No Vote
Librarian’s Report	Glenn covered highlights from his written report and answered questions. He					No Vote

– Glenn	also mentioned the Library’s Maker Space Open House scheduled for April 18 and the community’s Juneteenth celebration scheduled for June 20.	
Friends of the Library Report – Margery	Those attending CozyCon purchased about \$1,000, in books via the Friends’ credit card reader. Preparations for the Author Luncheon on April 24 continue to go well.	No Vote
	Old Business	
Operations and Administration Committee Update – Anne	Anne provided complete results from the Board Assessment and reviewed a few of the highlights. All members are welcome to attend all committee meetings via prior arrangement with the committee chair. Friends and Library board members will meet for dinner in the Library’s Community Room on May 19 before the Library Board meeting. Himanshu Singh and Nicole Nunziata are completing their terms this June. Please share any recommendations for new board members with Glenn or Anne. According to the BOD bylaws, two officer positions are elected each June. The two positions for this year are President and Secretary. Interested members should notify Glenn by May 1.	No Vote
Policy Committee update – Colette	The Exhibit Space policy is currently being reviewed and is expected to be ready for presentation at the BOD meeting in April. The next policies to be reviewed are the Internet Use and History Room policies.	No Vote
Marketing Committee update – Deborah	The Award Ceremony for the Then and Now art contest is scheduled for May 9. Jerry’s Artarama will be donating the five first prize gift cards. The Library will be purchasing the runner up gift cards.	No Vote
Staff Engagement update – Nicole	Nicole gave a summary of the committee’s activities. Noel is continuing with staff guest interviews.	No Vote
Strategic Planning update – Paula & Natalie	Natalie will update the BOD calendar. The Strategic Planning cohort kick off meetings are March 25 and 26 and will cover a basic summary of the process and how to apply.	No Vote
Legacy Campaign update – Jessica & Paula & Rob	Jessica reported that all five libraries have been contacted, and a few meetings have been scheduled. Rob reminded everyone that these meetings were to help them prepare an RFP.	
Board Member Remarks – Paula	Kristen’s “Lonely Books” display was popular among members and their friends. Paula enjoyed The Museum of the Old Colony: An Art Installation by Pablo Delano currently on exhibit at the New Britain Museum of American Art.	No Vote
Adjournment – Paula	Colette Slover made a motion to adjourn. Natalie Bowers seconded. (Approved.) The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.	# 12 Yes

Respectfully submitted, Colette Slover, Secretary