

Avon Public Library BOD Regular Meetings
Board Room, Avon Public Library
Date: June 16, 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		
	Patricia Valsecchi, Borrowing Services Manager	Staff Guest	N	Y		
	Glenn Grube	Library Director	N	Y		
	LeonaMae Page	Clerk	N	Y		
	Review and Approvals					
Review and Adoption of Agenda	Colette Slover made a motion to adopt the agenda. Deborah Sacks seconded. (Approved.)					# 11 Yes
Review and Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes	Rob Berman made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Paula Schwartz seconded. Jessica Panella and Himanshu Singh abstained. (Approved.)					# 9 Yes # 2 Abstain
Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Rob	Rob Berman reviewed his written report and the plan to pay for participation in the Strategic Planning cohort in full in the current fiscal year. Noel Silva made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Varsha Dave seconded. (Approved.)					# 11 Yes
	New Business					
Staff Guest Patricia Valsecchi, Borrowing Services Manager	Anne McNeely led board member introductions. Patricia Valsecchi has been working in libraries since 2000 and at Avon Library since 2013. She is managing both Circulation and Technical Services under the umbrella term of Borrowing Services. She is excited about the outreach possibilities of our new web-based ILS system, for example the possibility of setting up a table at the grocery store for folks to sign up for library cards.					No Vote
Librarian's Report – Glenn	Glenn Grube discussed highlights from his written report including the big news that the migration is complete. We are successfully using our Polaris and					No Vote

	Vega software.	
Friends of the Library Report – Margery	Margery Lawrence suggested a mid-Fall date for the next combined board social. The music program is being reevaluated due to rising costs. The ice cream social will be in August.	No Vote
Approve 2026-2027 Board Budget	Rob Berman led a discussion of the proposed 2026-2027 board budget. Deborah Sacks made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Jessica Panella seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
Election of Officers	Anne McNeely explained that elections for President and Secretary are held each June of even years. Paula Schwartz made a motion to elect Anne McNeely as President. Margery Lawrence seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
	Margery Lawrence made a motion to elect Colette Slover as Secretary. Noel Silva seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
Nomination and Election of new Board Members	Anne McNeely presented the Operations and Administration Committee's recommendation to elect Margo Baume and Elaine Wilson as new board members. Colette Slover made a motion to approve the slate. Natalie Bowers seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
	Old Business	
Operations and Administration Committee Update	New board members will need committee assignments and buddies – established board members who can help with questions and orientation.	No Vote
Policy Committee update – Colette	Colette Slover presented the Financial Reserves and Spending Policy and Procedures policy. The goal of the policy is to provide increased transparency on how the board-controlled reserves and other funds are managed. Colette Slover made a motion to approve the policy. Varsha Dave seconded. (Approved.)	# 11 Yes
Marketing Committee update – Deborah	The Marketing Committee will be revising the brochure and researching the recent history of the Library.	No Vote
Staff Engagement update – Noel	The Staff Engagement Committee including staff liaison Ashley Sroka met to discuss various ideas for engaging staff. One idea is to have an Employee of the Quarter. Tina Panik will be the Staff Guest in Fall 2026.	No Vote
Strategic Planning update – Paula	The Avon Library has been accepted into the Connecticut Library Consortium Strategic Planning Cohort. The Team Roster is due to the consultants on August 19.	No Vote
Legacy Campaign update – Rob & Paula	The Legacy Campaign working group met with Libraries in Madison, Newington, and Redding. Jess Panella shared these highlights from her research report: The focus will be on relationship building, donor engagement, and marketing. Every library is structured differently. It will be important to build a program that is right for Avon. The working group is hoping to receive three or more responses to their RFP's by July 1.	No Vote
Adjournment	Colette Slover made a motion to adjourn. Varsha Dave seconded. Natalie Bowers was not present. (Approved.) The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.	# 10 Yes # 1 Not Present

Respectfully submitted, Colette Slover, Secretary