

**New Berlin Public Library Board Meeting
January 19, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.
New Berlin Public Library
Marion Onesti Board Room**

1. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Marek called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

3. ROLL CALL; OF QUORUM: PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Trustee Bock, Trustee Greenawalt (Excused at 7:02 PM), Trustee Garrigues, Treasurer Jung, Trustee Kroupa, President Marek, and Secretary Orzel

Excused: Vice-President Kawala and Trustee Uhen

Staff Present: Library Director Natalie Beacom

Guests Present: Melissa Baxter, Waukesha County Foundation (WCCF) President & CEO

President Marek confirmed that a quorum was present and that the meeting was properly posted in compliance with the open meetings law.

The items on the agenda were reorganized by unanimous consent as follows:

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Waukesha County Community Foundation Investment Brief

Melissa Baxter, Waukesha County Foundation (WCCF) President & CEO, provided an overview of the history and services offered by the organization.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Friends of New Berlin Library, Inc. (FOL)

The FOL sponsored a Mini-Pop-Up sale 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items under the Consent Agenda have passed unanimously by the Library Board. Items not passed by a unanimous vote will be removed from consent agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of minutes: Monday, November 17, 2025

B. Next meeting date: Monday, February 16, 2026

C. Approval of Bills and Invoices

6. END CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion by Greenwalt
Seconded by Garrigues
Motion approved 7-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. President's Report
No Report

B. Director 2025 Annual Infographic Report

The Library's Director, Natalie Beacom, provided the Board with a year-end review of Library usage, programming participation and services. The statistics indicate growth in all areas from 3.9% in new cards issued to 44% in visits to the Makerstudio. The full report is included in agenda packet and available on the City of New Berlin's website.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Library Meeting Space Policy

MOTION: Motion to approve subject to review and minor edits by the City Attorney.

VOTE: Motion by Garrigues
Second by Kroupa
Motion approved 7-0

B. Library's 2026 Operating Budget

The 2026 Operating Budget as adjusted and approved by the Common Council was reviewed by the Board. It was noted that the reduction of \$3,000 in funding for library materials prohibits the Library from meeting minimum standards. If the Library fails to meet minimum standards, the City may no longer be exempt from the county library tax.

9. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A. Library Circulation Policy Revisions

MOTION: Motion to table.

VOTE: Motion by Jung
Second by Bock
Motion approved 7-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Marek asked that time be allocated on the next agenda to brainstorm ways to generate positive awareness of the benefits provided by the New Berlin Public Library to community members of diverse age groups and backgrounds.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

VOTE: Motion by Jung
Second by Kroupa
Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Orzel, Secretary