

**New Berlin Public Library Board Meeting
February 16, 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 6:02 P.M.

3. ROLL CALL; OF QUORUM: PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Trustee Bock, Trustee Garrigues, Treasurer Jung, Vice-President Kawala, Trustee Kroupa,
President Marek, Secretary Orzel, and Trustee Uhen

Excused: Trustee Greenawalt

Staff Present: Library Director Natalie Beacom

Guests Present: None

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Director Beacom announced that the FOL will be sponsoring a Mini-Pop-Up sale, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of minutes: Monday, January 19, 2026

B. Next meeting date: Monday, March 16, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

C. Approval of Bills and Invoices

6. END CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda including bills and invoices pertinent only to the New Berlin Public Library.

VOTE: Motion by Bock
Second by Garrigues
Motion approved 8-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. President's Report: No Report

B. Director's Report

Director Beacom provided the Board with an update regarding Budget; Buildings and Grounds; Circulation and Programming; Bridges Library System Involvement and Automation; Meetings/Outreach; and Personnel Issues. It was noted that there was a 5% increase in circulation and a 59% increase in visits to the Makerstudio when compared with statistics from January 2025. The full report can be reviewed in the agenda packet which is available on the City of New Berlin's website.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Meeting Space Policy Review

The policy was reviewed and approved by the City Attorney with minor corrections.

B. Library Circulation Policy Revisions

MOTION: Motion to remove the Library Circulation Policy Revisions from the table for discussion and consideration.

VOTE: Motion by Garrigues

Second by Kawala

Motion approved 8-0

MOTION: Motion to approve proposed Library Circulation Policy Revisions as outlined in the agenda packet.

VOTE: Motion by Kawala

Second by Bock

Motion approved 8-0

C. Waukesha County Community Foundation – 2025 Fund Summary

President Marek requested that a quarterly update of the funds available through the Foundation be made available to the Board members for their regular review.

9. New Business

A. Waukesha County Act 150 Recommendations for Minimum Standards and Distribution Formulas

MOTION: Motion to reject the endorsement of Waukesha County Act 150 Recommendations for Minimum Standards and Distribution Formulas as outlined in the Waukesha County Library Services Plan 2027 – 2031 as included in the agenda packet.

VOTE: Motion by Kawala

Second by Jung

Motion approved 7-0 with President Marek abstaining.

B. 2025 Annual Report Review

Motion: Motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report as included in the agenda packet.

VOTE: Motion by Jung
Second by Kawala
Motion approved 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Marek announced 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 7:05 PM.

VOTE: Motion by Garrigues
Second by Kroupa
Motion approved 8-0.

**Respectfully submitted,
Patti Orzel, Secretary**