

APPROVED
Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2026 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the January 8, 2026 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Michele Widera, Anne Clare Erickson, Rowan List, and Brian Parkin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Trish Hedin, Jackie Hoyer, and Alyssa Sherman were absent.

Michele called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the November 20, 2025 meeting was discussed. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The library bills were passed around for review.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Carrie delivered a Director's Report to the Board. The library's 2025 budget will likely be underspent. Final disbursement from the Grand County Treasurer's office doesn't post until January 10 so the Board can expect a more detailed 2025 budget review at the next meeting. The library's 2025 statistics show that library staff did an especially good job with program offerings over the last year.

The HVAC project is still progressing. Work crews will return to the library to work on the thermostats and replace a missing part in one of the main units. The library's hotspot lending program has ended, but there is enough remaining credit with the provider to continue offering hotspot checkouts to community organizations. Library staff is hopeful that the funds to support hotspot lending to organizations will last through 2026. Implementation of the new San Juan County Interlocal Agreement has begun and library staff have been adjusting patron accounts as needed.

The Board moved on to Old Business. The first item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Board Bylaws. The bylaws were last updated by the Grand County Commission in 2023. Carrie noted that it's helpful to review the bylaws annually. Discussion followed. Anne Clare made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented. Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Policy for Board Meeting Minutes. Anne Clare made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Rowan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under Old Business was Review of Grand County Public Library Mission Statement and Library Roles. The beginning of the year is a good time for the Board to review the library's mission and roles. Library staff use the mission and roles to guide their annual performance goals.

The fourth item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-Approval of the Grand County Public Library Confidentiality of Library Records Policy. Carrie noted that the policy has served the library well and staff did not have any recommended changes. Discussion followed. Michele made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Anne Clare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was Election of Board Officers. Discussion followed. Anne Clare made a motion to nominate Brian for the Board Chair position. Michele seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Brian made a motion to nominate Anne Clare for Vice Chair. Michele seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Brian made a motion to re-appoint Meg to the Secretary position. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Brian shared that there may be a student interested in the currently vacant High School Representative seat on the board.

The second item under New Business was Discussion of Grand County Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and Ethics Pledge as Defined in Grand County Ordinance No. 593. Carrie explained to the Board that all Grand County employees, elected officials, and volunteers must sign the ethics pledge and disclose any conflicts of interest at the beginning of each year. Grand County has made online forms available this year to complete the process.

The third item under New Business was Discussion of Open and Public Meetings Act Training Requirement. Carrie reminded the Board that they must complete the OPMA training annually and provide their certificates of completion by the end of January.

There was no Consent Agenda.

There were no Board Member Reports.

The Board moved on to Future Agenda Items. Brian asked about the status of the light fixture replacement proposal that was discussed at the November meeting. Carrie explained that the Grand County Maintenance Supervisor did not find the proposal acceptable. The county Maintenance Department will likely help with lighting needs. She added that the library building is maintained to a good level of safety and past concerns regarding light fixture fire hazards are no longer a problem. Anne Clare asked about the status of the Teen Center. Carrie replied that the Teen Center is a terrific resource, but the cost in rent payments may not be sustainable long term. Discussion followed.

A closed session was not needed. Michele adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.