

APPROVED
Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
May 27, 2026 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the May 27, 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, Brian Parkin, Jackie Hoyer, and Trish Hedin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Rowan List and Alyssa Sherman were absent.

Brian called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2026 meeting was discussed. Anne Clare made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jackie 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 year-to-date budget and statistics reports are as expected. The budget's Building and Grounds Maintenance line item has a larger percentage spent than is typical for the time of year. This is due to maintenance costs related to the aging building and its new HVAC units. Discussion followed regarding annual spending needs and expectations. Carrie concluded the Director's Report and shared that the library's Summer Reading Program will begin soon.

The Board moved on to Old Business. The first item on the agenda under Old Business was discussion and recommendation of revised Grand County Public Library Board Bylaws to the Grand County Commission for approval. Carrie explained that the County Attorney's new bylaws template was used to create the revised bylaws. Important changes include the addition of Utah State Code that applies to county libraries and text stating that applicants for the Board's high school representative seat only need to be attending school in Grand County to be eligible for appointment to the Board. Discussion followed. Michele made a motion to recommend the revised bylaws to the Grand County Commission for approval as presented. Anne Clare 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 Art Acquisition Policy. No changes were recommended by library staff. Carrie noted that the policy has served the library well. Jackie made a motion to re-approve the policy as presented. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under Old Business was review and consideration of re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Art Exhibit Policy. No changes were recommended by library staff because the policy has worked well. Carrie noted that the library has hosted exhibits from various entities in the past – most often the traveling art exhibits provided by the Utah Division of Arts and Museums. Michele made a motion to re-approve the policy as presented. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fourth item on the agenda under Old Business was review and consideration of re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Bulletin Board Policy. Carrie shared that library staff rely heavily on the policy. It is clear and supports library staff needs. Discussion followed. Anne Clare made a motion to re-approve the policy as presented. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board moved on to New Business. The two agenda items under New Business were 2026 year-to-date library budget discussion and 2027 library budget discussion. Carrie shared that payment for the HVAC replacement project will reduce the library's capital project account and remaining library bond funds to zero. An additional \$217,000 will need to come from the library's fund balance to pay the full HVAC bill. As a result, the library's fund balance at the end of 2026 will likely be approximately \$680,000. An empty capital projects account is concerning because the library building's roof is end of life, light fixtures are failing, and other aging facility needs are imminent. The library may need to pursue a tax rate increase soon given that emergency repairs are more expensive than planned projects, costs are increasing, and the fund balance will be depleted over the next few years. Discussion followed.

There was no Consent Agenda.

Brian provided a Board Member Report. He's learned that AI generated books have become a problem for the Salt Lake City Public Library. It is an issue to be aware of and potentially prepare to address if needed. Carrie noted that books created by artificial intelligence have not yet been a problem for Grand County Library. Due to GCPL's size and book budget, library staff are very intentional about what is purchased. The county may be crafting an AI policy in the near future. Discussion followed.

There were no Future Agenda Items.

A closed session was not needed. Brian adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.