



Walworth-Seely Public Library
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Library Meeting Room

1) Call to Order 6:30 pm

(1) Roll Call Library Trustees Present: Drew Britt, Marissa Strait, Rae-Gina Wescott

(2) Library Trustees Absent: Dave Teetsel, Anne Culver (both excused)

(3) Library Staff Present: Director Anne Brown

(5) Others Present: Friend of WSPL President Linda Knight, Town Councilman & Liaison to the Library Dan Botsford

(6) Public Present: none

2) Adoption of current meeting agenda as presented

MOTION: Trustee Strait motioned to adopt the current meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Wescott

YES: 3/5 Trustee Britt, Trustee Strait, Trustee Wescott

NO: 0

3) Approval of prior meeting minutes:

(1) Approval of prior meeting minutes of June 11, 2026

MOTION: Trustee Wescott motioned to approve the prior meeting minutes of May 14, 2026 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Strait

YES: 3/5 Trustee Britt, Trustee Strait, Trustee Wescott

NO: 0

4) Period of Public Expression (limit 5 minutes per speaker)

5) Friends of WSPL Liaison Report (Friends' President Linda Knight)

(a) The Friends are almost finished scanning the spring book sale leftovers and are looking ahead to fall sale planning.

6) Town Board Liaison Report (Councilman Dan Botsford)

(a) Councilwoman Amber Linson has submitted her resignation from the Town Board. The Town Board is currently reviewing candidates for her replacement until the next election. The Library Board wishes



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Amber Linson well in her future endeavors and thanks her for her years served as our Library Liason.

- (b) The town is continuing to investigate options for installing a sidewalk from Gananda to the Town Hall complex in an effort to make Walworth more walkable. A project like this will benefit the library as well by increasing accessibility to our building.

7) Library Director's Report (Director Anne Brown) see attached

8) Secretary's Report - Correspondence (Trustee Strait)

9) Committee Reports:

a) Financial Committee (Finance Officer Trustee Culver)

- (1) There was no Finance Committee Meeting held in July due to scheduling conflicts. The next Finance Meeting will be held on Friday, August 8th at 2:00 pm.

b) Policy Committee (Trustee Strait & Trustee Wescott)

- (1) Review of the Trustee Bylaws – changes to be voted on in August

c) Personnel Committee (Trustee Teetsel)

d) Strategic Planning Committee (Trustee Britt and Trustee Wescott)

- (1) Bi-annual review of Strategic Plan Progress
- (2) A new Strategic Planning cohort will be hosted by OWWL for plans expiring in 2027 or 2028. Director Brown will sign up for this group once more details become available in the fall.

e) Sustainable Funding Committee (Trustee Teetsel)

- (1) 2027 Budget Referendum petitions are due to the Town Clerk by the week of Monday, July 27th. A special meeting of the library board with the purpose of approving the petitions for submission is set for Monday July 27th. Time TBD depending on availability of trustees not present.

f) Community Relationships & Engagement (Trustee Teetsel)



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11) Old Business

12) New Business

(1) Approval of the OWWL Library System 2027-2031 Direct Access Plan

MOTION: [TRUSTEE NAME] moves to approve the OWWL Library System 2027-2031 Direct Access Plan as a required component of the OWWL Library System 2027-2031 Plan of Service, pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation §90.3, which requires approval by a majority of member library boards before the plan may be submitted to the New York State Education Department, and directs the Board President to sign the Direct Access Plan Statement of Agreement and to forward a copy of these minutes and the agreement form to the OWWL Library System Executive Director. [TRUSTEE NAME] seconds, and the motion passed unanimously.

YES: 0

NO: 0

TABLED UNTIL AUGUST MEETING

13) Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee Strait motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Seconded by Trustee Wescott

YES: 3/5 Trustee Britt, Trustee Strait, Trustee Wescott

NO: 0

IMPORTANT DATES:

- There will be no Finance Meeting in the month of July. The next Finance Meeting will be held on Friday, August 8th at 2:00 pm.
- 2027 Budget Referendum Petitions must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than Monday, July 27th. A special meeting will be held prior to that date to approve the signatures.
- The Summer Reading Finale Party will be held on Saturday August 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The next regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm.