

MARINet Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2026



Meeting Held at: 375 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Present:

Board Chair: Anji Brenner (Mill Valley)

Board: Crystal Duran (Belvedere Tiburon), Sarah Frye (College of Marin), Amy Gilbert (Dominican), Damon Hill (Larkspur), Lana Adlawan (MCFL), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Daniel Avalos (San Rafael), and Jeffrey Jackson (Sausalito)

MARINet Staff: Jessica Trenary

Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- I. Determination of a Quorum – Yes
- II. Public Comment Period – Written communication was received on March 4, 2026. The communication was submitted anonymously, acknowledged during the meeting, and retained as part of the official record.
- III. Business Topics
 - A. Correspondence (*Discussion*) – MARINet has received numerous communications from an anonymous requester, some of which are CPRA requests. Responsive documents are being produced on an ongoing basis. The requester has been reminded several times to direct requests to the Systems Administrator.
 - B. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (*Action*) - **Kenton moved to approve the February 5, 2026, meeting minutes, Adlawan seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - C. Board Resolution - Approve FY26-27 Budget (*Action*) – Trenary presented the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, including projected expenditures and key changes from the current year. Trenary also outlined a proposed OverDrive spending plan under which MARINet would no longer centrally purchase bestseller titles but would create a shared cart for member libraries to purchase individually. Trenary will bring forward a Board Resolution next fiscal year to allocate \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund to supplement the OverDrive budget. **Duran moved to approve the FY26-27 budget of \$2,051,076.02, Kenton seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - D. Explore Hoopla Records in Catalog (*Discussion*) – Trenary shared DRWG’s request that MARINet gather information about adding Hoopla records to the shared BiblioCommons catalog. The Board expressed support for the Digital Resources Working Group continuing to explore the subscription and user experience implications.
 - E. Board Resolution - Conflict of Interest Code (*Action*) - The Board considered adoption of a Conflict of Interest Code to ensure compliance with state law and formalize disclosure requirements for designated positions. The Code identifies covered positions and

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requires the filing of Form 700 statements in accordance with applicable regulations.

Duran moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code, Kenton seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- F. SB 707 - Changes to Brown Act (*Discussion*) – Trenary provided an update on Senate Bill 707 and related Brown Act changes effective January 1, 2026, including mandatory distribution of the Brown Act to Board members (completed), limits on social media interactions, and expanded public rights to record meetings. It was noted that new teleconferencing requirements would require review if MARINet holds remote meetings.
- G. System Administrator Goals (*Discussion*) – Trenary shared draft 2026 goals focused on improving coordination around local initiatives with consortium impact, strengthening governance readiness and legal compliance through policy and insurance review, and supporting staff trust and morale through a team building afternoon. Adlawan will work with Trenary on Board suggestions, and Trenary will review them with the Executive Committee.
- H. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (*Discussion*) - Adlawan shared an update that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library participation is being explored through Marin County Free Library in partnership with community organizations and with California state funding. Libraries or partner organizations interested in participating or helping support the program were invited to contact her.

Hill left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

I. Board Task Force Updates

- eBook [Brenner, Jackson, Sadler/Adlawan] (*Discussion*) – Board discussed the shared physical holds target and expectations across member libraries. Informally, the Board agreed to target a 5:1 physical holds ratio.
- Equity [Adlawan, Frye, Gilbert, Quffa/Avalos] (*Discussion*) – No updates
- MARINet Working Groups [Duran, Hill, Kenton, Quffa] (*Discussion*) – No updates
- COMmon Read [Adlawan, Quffa/Avalos, Frye] (*Discussion*) – No updates

IV. Standing Agenda Items

A. Library Advocacy (*Discussion*) – Duran shared information about an upcoming California state budget meeting in Sacramento at which funding impacting libraries will be considered.

B. Library Announcements (*Discussion*) – Board members shared general updates regarding upcoming events, programs, and activities at their respective agencies.

C. Systems Administrator Report (*Discussion*) - Trenary provided an update on current projects, including progress on the Larkspur CENIC move, implementation of new text notices, and the upcoming Sierra 6.5 upgrade. Operational updates included school card

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projects, upcoming staff trainings, and accessibility compliance work with vendors.

Trenary also reported record OverDrive circulation, reviewed member library spending trends, and shared emerging AI developments relevant to libraries, including implications for patron services, privacy, and authentication.

Brenner adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trenary