MARINet Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2026

Meeting Held at: O'Hanlon Center for the Arts 616 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 9:05 a.m.

I. Determination of a Quorum – Yes

II. Public Comment Period – Written communication was received on May 6, 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 many more 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 MARINet document requests to the Systems Administrator only.

B. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (*Action*) - **Duran moved to approve the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes, Adlawan seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

C. Ethics and Fiscal and Financial Training (*Discussion*) – Trenary reviewed a memo summarizing legal counsel's guidance regarding AB 1234 ethics training and SB 827 fiscal training requirements. Counsel advised that MARINet Board members are likely not required to complete either training, while the Systems Administrator is required to complete the SB 827 fiscal training requirement by January 2028.

D. Board Resolution – Larkspur CENIC equipment (*Action*) - **Duran moved to approve Board Resolution No. 2025/26-10 authorizing a budget adjustment for Larkspur networking equipment reimbursement, Kenton seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

E. CENIC ISP Changes (*Discussion*) - Trenary reviewed the planned transition of the public library internet connections from Comcast to AT&T under CENIC's new 5-year contracts beginning July 2026. The transition needs to occur during FY26-27. Adlawan flagged that MARINet will be short staffed over the next few months and asked Trenary to bring a staffing support plan to the June Board meeting, if needed. She also noted that South Novato and Marin City are not county owned buildings, so any construction or building modifications would require coordination with those property owners. Trenary also

explained that eRate reimbursement delays during the transition could temporarily increase bandwidth expenses until reimbursement is received, and a Board Resolution could be brought forward, to cover the temporary expense, if required.

F. Systems Administrator Report (*Discussion*) - Trenary provided updates on MARINet staff trainings, which had approximately 200 total attendees across all sessions. Additional updates included the start of the text message notice project, postponement of new email notices until text notices are implemented, and continued growth in OverDrive circulation, which reached a new monthly record while average patron wait times dropped to a new low.

The Board took a recess from 9:35 am to 9:45 am (No Board Business conducted)

G. Retreat Purpose and Framing (Discussion) – Brenner introduced the theme "Meeting the Moment" and provided framing for discussions focused on collaboration, uncertainty, and responsive decision making at both the library level and, where possible, across the consortium.

H. Planning for Uncertainty and Emerging Risks (*Discussion*) - Brenner facilitated scenario-based discussions focused on responding to operational, community, and organizational challenges. Board members responded to prompts as a large group and shared perspectives and possible approaches.

I. Responsive Decision Making (*Discussion*) - Brenner facilitated small group and large group exercises related to decision making under changing conditions. Board members first worked in small groups to discuss prompted scenarios, then individually developed additional scenarios that were shared and discussed as a larger group.

Hill left the meeting at noon

The Board took a recess from noon to 12:45 pm (No Board Business conducted)

J. Libraries Share Next Fiscal Year Plans (*Discussion*) - Board members each provided brief updates on their library's budget, staffing, and priorities for the coming year, including notable projects, anticipated challenges, and upcoming changes.

Brenner adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trenary