MARINet Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 2026

Meeting Held at: Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

Present:
Outgoing Board Chair: Anji Brenner (Mill Valley)
Incoming Board Chair: Linda Kenton (San Anselmo)
Board: Lana Adlawan (MCFL), Catherine Quffa (San Rafael), and Jeffrey Jackson (Sausalito)
MARINet Staff: Jessica Trenary

Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. Determination of a Quorum – Yes

II. Public Comment Period – Written communication was received Wednesday, August 5, 2026. The communication was submitted anonymously, acknowledged during the meeting, and retained as part of the official record.

III. Business Topics

A. Election of the Executive Committee: Linda Kenton as Chair, Jeffrey Jackson as Vice Chair, and Lana Adlawan as member of the Executive Committee (*Action*) - **Adlawan moved to elect Kenton as Chair, Jackson as Vice Chair, and Adlawan as Executive Committee Member, Quffa seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Following the vote, Kenton assumed the role of Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

B. Incoming Chair Remarks (*Discussion*) – Kenton welcomed the Board to San Anselmo, reviewed parking and other logistical details, and shared her enthusiasm for serving as Board Chair this fiscal year.

C. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (*Action*) - **Adlawan moved to approve the June 4, 2026, meeting minutes, Jackson seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

D. Board Resolution: Resolution Authorizing the County of Marin to Serve as Fiscal Agent Until Changed by Board (*Action*) – Trenary noted that this could replace the annual Resolution, reducing paperwork. **Quffa moved to approve the Board Resolution Authorizing the County of Marin to Serve as Fiscal Agent Until Changed by Board, Brenner seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

E. Reapproval of Board Resolution Conflict of Interest Code Due to Typographical Error (*Action*) – Trenary noted the corrections: an updated Board Resolution number and date and the removal of the subtitle, "Resolution of the MARINet Board of Trustees Adopting MARINet's Conflict of Interest Code." Adlawan noted that Marin County Free Library will assist MARINet in submitting the document to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors' schedule may require 60 days' notice once the

Resolution is ready. **Quffa moved to approve the Board Resolution Adopting the Conflict of Interest Code, Brenner seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

F. Correspondence (*Discussion*) – Trenary updated the Board on the current state of incoming Public Records Act (PRA) requests.

G. Text Messages (*Discussion*) – Trenary shared an update on the text messaging project, which will allow patrons to sign up to receive notices about their library materials via text message through ShoutBomb. The service is expected to launch by September 1, with a staff announcement, MARINet webpages in English and Spanish, and printed handouts in both languages. Brenner thanked Trenary and MARINet for their work on this project.

H. Financial Update & OverDrive Spending Plan (*Discussion*) – Trenary gave a financial update and presented a proposal for additional OverDrive content. The Board discussed the growing demand for eBooks and future financial pressures.

I. Board Resolution: OverDrive Funds from Reserve Fund (*Action*) – Kenton continued the agenda item to the next meeting to allow absent members an opportunity to provide input. **No action was taken.**

J. CA State Library Budget & NLS Funds (*Discussion*) – Trenary shared an update about the COMPASS program and *The New York Times* subscriptions. The Board discussed NorthNet Library System funding and its related survey.

K. RFID Equipment (*Discussion*) – Trenary shared information about a possible MARINet-wide approach to purchasing RFID inventory wands. The Board recommended revisiting the idea in the future when more affordable and improved RFID wands are available.

L. Board Task Forces:

I. Working Groups (*Discussion*) – Kenton reported no updates.

II. COMmon Read (*Discussion*) – Trenary directed the Board to review page 18 of the packet with the list of ways to participate and noted her plan to set aside OverDrive funds for Solito copies. The Board had no objections to this plan.

IV. Standing Agenda Items

A. Library Advocacy (*Discussion*) – Adlawan noted that the survey asking Library Directors to identify priorities for the California Library Association Board's legislative advocacy is still open and included E-Rate as a choice.

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 updates on current projects, recent system outages, operational activities, and OverDrive usage. She also discussed the FCC's proposed changes to the E-Rate program. Trenary noted that

eliminating or reducing the program would significantly affect schools and libraries, particularly those in lower-income communities. The E-Rate program currently reduces MARINet's internet bandwidth bills by approximately $90,000 each year. MARINet will continue to monitor the proposed changes and keep the Board informed.

Kenton adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trenary