Library System of Lancaster County
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2026

Attendance:

Board Members:	Matthew Eberts, President; Andrew Welk, Vice President; Marianne Clay Strittmatter, Secretary; Theia Hofstetter, Treasurer; Tess Wallace; Kristin Staley. Absent: Wendy Voulopos; Ray D'Agostino, Lancaster County Commissioner.
System Staff:	Karla Trout, Executive Director; Ed Miller, District Consultant and District Services Manager; Mark Sandblade, Manager, Information Technology; Brenda Emerich, Cataloging/Acquisitions Manager; Casey Trone, Financial Coordinator; Kerri Milliken, Training and Digital Resources Librarian; Sydney Dieffenbach, Administrative Assistant.
Guests:	LaTrobe Barnitz, Manheim Community Library; Karen Payonk, Lititz Public Library.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Library System of Lancaster County was called to order by President Eberts at 6:33 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2026, in the LSLC Board Room. A quorum was present.

Lititz Library Building Expansion

Karen presented the board with Lititz Library's expansion plan. Tess made a motion to approve the building expansion plan for the Lititz Public Library. Kristin seconded. The motion was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Secretary's Report

Minutes for the February 2026 Regular Meeting. There were no questions or changes.

President's Report

Matt asked the board to consider their interest in officer positions on the board as the officer elections will take place at the April meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Theia asked how the changes in the application for state aid will impact the system's time spent on the applications. Karla anticipates that the system will have to spend additional time, but we won't know until it happens. There will be changes in how the system communicates and coordinates with the member libraries for the applications. There also may be changes in how state aid will be disseminated, which could impact the funding formula and membership agreements.

Theia asked about the timeline for the tax referendum. At the last meeting, the Vote Yes 4 Libraries group decided to work to get the referendum on the ballot for the November election. Karla stated that Dale Hamby is available to speak to the board about the process, if desired. If the referendum does pass, the board will be involved in passing the new funding formula.

Theia asked about the decline at the end of 2025 and then a spike in 2026 of book purchasing. This is usual for the libraries; the libraries get their state and county funds in January. Libraries also slow down their purchases in the fall to ensure their materials are received before the end of the year.

Theia asked what training will look like for the new integrated library system for after the migration. Most of the training will be in person, from both SPARK staff and Kerri. More niche training will be digital on the learning management system.

Theia asked what the impact of the fifty percent increase in the Overdrive platform fee will be. The $4,000 increase will likely result in a decrease in the materials purchased for Libby.

Motion to Approve Theia made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kristin seconded. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Discussion:

Treasurer's Report Theia made a motion to approve system and district financial report for the period ended February 28, 2026. Kristin seconded. Theia highlighted a larger donation the system received; this patron has been regularly giving to the system for the past six years. The financial report was approved.

Lancaster District Update The district has completed the state reports. Ed is currently reviewing each library's report. The deadline to submit the district and library state reports is April 8th.

Board Policy Committee The Board policy on Board Meetings has been drafted; Andrew plans on reviewing it with the committee and getting it ready for approval at the April meeting. Theia clarified that the policy would need to be approved during the first part of the meeting as it impacts how the second part of the meeting will be conducted.

Fundraising Committee Marianne spoke about a potential fundraising opportunity for the Bookmobile to attend a Barnstormer's game on August 22nd. The board agreed that this would be a good event for the Bookmobile to attend. Marianne will confirm the date with the Barnstormer's and update the board at the next meeting. It was noted that this would also be a great opportunity to ask for attendees to sign the Vote Yes 4 Libraries petition.

Karla spoke about other fundraising opportunities for the Bookmobile like attending the summer concerts that High Associates puts on and creating a sponsorship program where companies can sponsor routes, stop, or a new wrap for the Bookmobile.

Director's Council Report There was no DC meeting, so there were no points to the board.

3-Point Summary to Directors' Council The Board chose the following three points to include in the summary for reporting to the Directors' Council:

1) The state is changing the application for state aid.
2) The board thanked the directors for getting their state reports submitted on time.
3) Bookmobile will be at a Barnstormer's game in August.

Public Comment

Adjournment	Theia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes and Financials are available at http://tinyurl.com/LSLCBoardDocs

Next Meeting: Annual Reorganization Meeting, April 16, 2026, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Clay Strittmatter,
Secretary

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