

ARL Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2026 at 1 pm
Ashe County Public Library

Present: Becky Ball (sub for Arnold Lakey), Camilla Lovette-Day, Doren Tripp, Karen Moll, Mary Stolberg, Jan Noffsinger, Patricia Swartzbaugh, Jennifer Chatham, Kyle Hall, James Bumgarner
Absent: Arnold Lakey

Present via Zoom: Margaret Love, Natalie Harkey

Staff: Russell Taylor, Tammy Holston, Monica Caruso, Suzanne Moore, Laura McPherson

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Time: Jennifer Chatham called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm
- II. Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda
 - A. Discussion: None
 - B. Motion: Becky Ball
 - C. Second: Karen Moll
 - D. All approved
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Discussion: None
 - B. Motion: Mary Stolberg
 - C. Second: Patty Swartzbaugh
 - D. All approved
- IV. Correspondence and Communications
 - A. None
- V. Reports: County Librarians and Regional Director
 - A. See reports on board archive at: <https://www.arlibrary.org/board-archive>
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. None
- VII. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Budget and Finance
 1. Approve updated FY 2025/2026 Budget Revisions
 - a) Motion: Patty Swartzbaugh
 - b) Second: Kyle Hall
 - c) All approved
 2. Preliminary approval of 2026/2027 Local Budgets
 - a) Discussion: Brief discussion about personnel budget in Wilkes
 - b) Motion: Karen Moll
 - c) Second: Becky Ball
 - d) All approved
 - B. Governance
 1. Approve revisions to Circulation Policy
 - a) Discussion: None
 - b) Approval: Jan Noffsinger
 - c) Second: Mary Stolberg
 - d) All approved
 - C. Personnel

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1. No business
- VIII. New Business
- A. Watauga Public Library Renovation
 1. Raised \$1.2 million to date
 2. John Arnault has been appointed as architect of record, and the ARL Board asked Russell to invite him to attend May ARL board meeting to review timelines, plans, and use of funds currently held in NCCMT.
 3. Plan to ask the Town of Boone to waive fees for permits, etc.
 4. Digital Watauga is relocating to another building in April.
 5. Hope to bid for contractors in August 2026.
 6. Construction could begin as early as January 2027.
- IX. Closed Session
- A. Motion to enter closed session: Patty Swartzbaugh; Second: Camilla Lovett-Day
 - B. Motion to return to regular session: Patty Swartzbaugh; Second: Becky Ball
 - C. Motion to approve Closed Session Minutes: Patty Swartzbaugh; Second: Mary Stolberg
- X. Adjournment
- A. Motion: Karen Moll
 - B. Second: Camilla Lovette-Day
 - C. Time: 2:22 pm
- XI. Next meeting will be May 21 at the Watauga County Public Library at 1 PM; committees meet at 12:30 pm