REGULAR MEETING – LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA
JULY 9, 2026, 7:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: July 9, 2026

B. June 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. REPORTS

A. President

B. Library Director

1. Library grounds account and payment to Eagles to lease parking spaces

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The Hour | April 20, 2023
https://www.thehour.com/news/article/norwalk-library-parking-spots-17906107.php

Community Services Meeting | June 24, 2026
The Community Services Committee voted unanimously to send to the full City Council a proposed one-year extension of the parking lease with the Fraternal Order of Eagles for $14,400 (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027).

2. 3 Belden Avenue parking spaces for library visitors

The Hour | June 29, 2023
https://www.thehour.com/news/article/norwalk-library-parking-purchase-3-belden-ave-18171821.php

The Hour | January 31, 2024
https://www.thehour.com/news/article/norwalk-main-library-parking-lot-eminent-domain-18639994.php

City of Norwalk Website | January 31, 2024
https://norwalkct.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2431&ARC=4534

3. Holiday early closings

4. SoNo charging station

5. Read on the Green program
July 22, 2026 (rain date July 23).

6. Norwalk Public Library America 250 is listed on the Connecticut registry.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. eBook licensing cost

B. Main Library is a polling place for the August 11, 2026 primary

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 11, 2026

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Moina Noor, Laurel Peterson, Haroldo Williams, Jannie Williams, Alex Knopp, Mary Mann

STAFF: Sherelle Harris (Library Director)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moina Noor called the Regular Meeting of the Norwalk Public Library Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A roll call was performed. Present at the meeting were Moina Noor, Laurel Peterson, Haroldo Williams, Jannie Williams, Alex Knopp, and Mary Mann. A quorum was present.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Discussion occurred regarding the format of meeting minutes and recent changes to minute-taking requirements.

Jannie Williams moved to approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Alex Knopp seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The May 14, 2026 meeting minutes were deferred until the July meeting due to issues accessing the document.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT

1. HISTORY ROOM DEDICATION

Chair Noor reported on the successful dedication of the Ralph C. Bloom History Room. She thanked Library staff, Board members, elected officials, and community members who participated in the event and noted the positive public response and media coverage. Chair Noor also provided updates regarding Eagles parking discussions and the continued success of passport services.

B. LIBRARY DIRECTOR

1. NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY ROOM DEDICATION HONORING RALPH BLOOM

Director Harris provided a recap of the Ralph C. Bloom History Room Dedication held on June 10, 2026. She highlighted community attendance, media coverage, and staff contributions to the event.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTS

Director Harris reported on progress related to the South Norwalk Branch electric vehicle charging station project. Discussion also occurred regarding potential future charging infrastructure at the Main Library.

3. SUMMER READING 2026

Director Harris reviewed upcoming adult and children's summer reading programs, including special events and activities planned throughout the summer.

4. ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Director Harris reported that the One Book, One Community initiative will be postponed to allow for additional planning and funding opportunities. Further information will be provided at a future meeting. Director Harris reported that the initiative would be postponed pending additional planning and funding opportunities.

5. AMERICA 250 PROGRAMMING

Director Harris reviewed preliminary plans for America 250 programming, including exhibits, educational programs, and community events scheduled throughout the coming year.

6. CONFERENCE ROOM RENOVATION

Director Harris presented concepts for renovations to the Main Library conference room utilizing grant funding. Board members discussed furniture options, room functionality, and potential design improvements.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Alex Knopp made a motion to adjourn. Mary Mann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada Caballero

Recording Secretary