

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CAMBRIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
May 20, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cambria Library Association was held in the Conference Room of the Cambria County Library on May 20, 2026

Members Present: Alan Metzler, Cooper Edwards, Cathy Torok, Abby Panek, Zachary Yonko, Michael Alberts

Members via Phone: Marlin Plymette

Members Absent: None

Others: Ashley Flynn, Joel Wagner, Leanne Zdravecky, Maria Cuccaro

Call to Order: Alan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Introductions:

Two new members were added to the Board of Directors, Zac Yonko and Michael Alberts. All present in the room did introductions to welcome them to the meeting.

District Consultant/County Coordinator's Report:

The director of the Blairsville Public Library submitted their resignation. There is an ongoing issue surrounding the newly hired South Fork library director's need to acquire the proper educational credits for their position. Nanty Glo has increased their circulation numbers by 40%.

Minutes of April 15, 2026

A motion to approve the reports and meeting minutes was made by Abby Panek and seconded by Cooper Edwards with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Cooper had nothing specific to report and stated that we were on track as far as our spending was concerned.

Director's Report:

A) Library Services & Outreach

We're starting to think about how we'll return to post-construction life here at the library. We're refining our Summerquest plans, including music on the patio and our animal visits. Outreach is going well with the fundraising committee involved and we are now doing outreach at the Cambria City Sunday Market.

B) Building Updates

The first floor is moving along well, and we are still tentatively looking at a reopening of August 13th. We've also been meeting with and coordinating with Careerlink for their component of the first-floor renovations, and they've been very easy to work with.

C) Grant Updates

We're working on to leverage the grant opportunities we currently have to get the most value out of them we possibly can. We have a Keystone grant and a Community Foundation grant that we are trying to match together and are currently working towards this year's SPP tax credit program.

D) Staffing Updates

We've filled the part-time positions we had open, but we are now needing to fill the Technology Administrator position as Rich will be leaving us.

E) Networking

Ashley and Alan have had meetings with Representative Frank Burns, did a presentation at Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership, and met with the new executive of JARI. There is also a meeting with the commissioners coming up.

Committee Reports:

A) Governance

- I) We've had several changes within the board.
 - i. A motion to accept Bill Lantzy's resignation as vice president was made by Abby Panek and seconded by Cooper Edwards with all in favor.
 - ii. A motion to accept Cathy Torok as new vice president was made by Abby Panek and seconded by Marlin Plymette. Cathy Torok abstained, motion carried.
 - iii. A motion to accept Marlin Plymette as the new System committee chair was made by Abby Panek and seconded by Cathy Torok with all in favor.
 - iv. A motion to accept Rev. Sylvia King's resignation was made by Abby Panek and seconded by Cathy Torok with all in favor.

B) Finance

- I) There were some changes made to the first floor budget due to discussions made at the committee meetings for finance and fundraising.

C) HR

- I) None.

D) Building

- I) We're still taking proposals for the cafe space and haven't received much as far as response goes.

E) System

- I) We haven't received responses from South Fork and Beaverdale in regards to the certification letters that were sent out.

F) Technology

- I) None.

Old Business

1. Ratify bylaws vote

A motion to approve the revised bylaws was made by Abby Panek via email on April 24, 2026. It was seconded by Marlin Plymette with yes votes from Cooper Edwards, Zac Yonko, and Alan Metzler. Motion passed.

2. Ratify Alberts vote

A motion to admit Michael Alberts to the board was made by Abby Panek via email on May 14, 2026. It was seconded by Zachary Yonko, with yes votes by Marlin Plymette, Alan Metzler, and Cooper Edwards. Motion passed.

3. Ratify project budget vote

A motion for a new not-to-exceed project total cost of \$2.850 million for the first floor renovation was made via email by Marlin Plymette on May 16, 2026. It was seconded by Zachary Yonko with yes votes from Syliva King, Cathy Torok, Abby Panek, and Alan Metzler. Cooper Edwards voted no. Motion passed.

New Business

No new business.

A motion to enter executive session for legal matters was made by Cathy Torok and seconded by Zachary Yonko. All in favor.

A motion to leave executive session was made by Cathy Torok and seconded by Cooper Edwards with all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cooper Edwards and seconded by Marlin Plymette with all in favor.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2026 at 4 pm.