

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

October 22, 2025

3:39 Welcome

- Recorder of minutes- Kim DeRosa and Rashell Clarke
- Motion to approve May 12, 2025, minutes approved. 3:39 pm
- Updates: 3:40 pm
SLSA conference being held on 12/10/25 our Liaison Meeting was scheduled for 12/9/25. December Liaison Meeting was moved to 1/9/26 to accommodate the State meeting to prevent back-to-back meetings and lack of attendance; the remaining 3 dates will remain the same. On 12/10 we will hold the Council Advisory Meeting as scheduled.
- Annual Report update. 3:41 pm
The company Baker & Taylor is going out of business- last year was a difficult challenge to use the program. The annual report is being worked on and must be approved and submitted by November 1, 2025. In addition, the 5-year plan must be presented. Council must meet in December to discuss ideas and plans for the future years – 5-year plan.
- Vote – made and approved for extra Council Meeting: 3:42 pm
12/10/25 meeting will be the 5th meeting held either in-person or via zoom – TBD.
- News Literacy Project – AI. Informed librarians of the free database at today's Liaison Meeting. Cyber Civics – MS. Amber will be attending the December Superintendent Meeting to discuss Cyber Civics. There is a 4th grade level and up – a wider application of grades for K-12. Streamable (K-12) – virtual trips. Clickview has repository of videos and teachers can upload their own and make them interactive. FREE TRIAL to Clickview to any interested districts for the rest of the year through BOCES. Also renewed SORA access (including comics and magazine access) and Teaching Books. 3:44 pm
- Rosen Teen Health & Wellness – for MS &HS. Was obtained through the Juul Grant. Library is working with Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, Teachers, Librarians, etc. to participate in a Training from Rosen. Invitations to school districts were offered to participate. LILRC provided Health and Reference for HS. 3:49 pm

- **Additional Plans and thoughts by members: Discussion with Software offered to districts: Librarians having hard time accessing QR Codes in Sora by phone since the kids are no longer using phones during school hours. Discussion on exploring options to continue to use them with I-pads, Chromebooks, and/or another monitor. 3:50 pm**
- **Continued: Joanne Koukoulas discussion with districts purchasing apps – are we sharing with superintendents the apps and tools being used in districts? Added that some districts are completing spreadsheets of digital literacy curriculum being used. Amber stated that we are not always aware of the curricula used within districts and that Cyber Civics was recommended by the State and the product is Ed Law 2D compliant. 3:52 pm**
- **News-O-Matic for K-6 has access will end December 30, 2025. There was not enough usage to support repurchasing for all 56 districts again. 3:55 pm**
- **Council: New members discussion from Carol Anne Weik on plans to recruit new members. Suggestion to speak out at Liaison Meeting. She retired last June. Christina Pesiri volunteered to speak at the next January Liaison Meeting to explain the process to try to obtain new members. Amber stated that Marley Solomon from Roosevelt school district is interested in joining the Council. Annual Report due November 1, 2025. All members from 24-25 will remain active on council in 25-26 report. Voting will be when report is ready. An email to all the council will be sent out to be approved 3:59 pm**
- **Thoughts/Concerns: Laurie Martucci-Walsh – Inquiring about the AOY/SLOY forms. As they are not finalized early reminders to the librarians will be sent out to encourage more applications. 4:00 pm.**
- **Discussion of removal of books – Island Trees. Book Influencer Project. Book Banning – topic to ask librarians/students to pick their top 10 books they like and make an online presentation to showcase. Bea – online pilot is being conducted between Island Trees and Palmer School as a Long Island Event. Students can share their books by podcast, choice is up to them. 4:03 pm**
- **Continued: Court case: Island Trees v. Pico (defendant- Student Steven Pico) and Don Wilson (89 years old). Possibility of having an interview or obtaining a statement from him about the Banned Book topic. 4:07 pm**
- **Meeting concluded. 4:09 pm**

- Members that attended: Amber Fink, Joanne Spencer, Bea Baaden, Carole Anne Weik, Renee McGrath, Laura Pollak, Joanne Koukoulas, Laurie Martucci-Walsh, Christina Pesiri
- *The next Advisory Council meeting December 10, 2025*

Meeting ends: 4:10 pm