

NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

March 5, 2026

2:10 Welcome

- Recorder of minutes- Kim DeRosa and Rashell Clarke
- Karen Mylan from Valley Stream introduced herself as a new council member. **2:11 pm**
- Motion to approve October 22, 2025, revised minutes - One change made. – Approved. **2:12 pm**
- Motion to approve January 9, 2026, minutes. – Approved. **2:13 pm**
- March 12 Liaison Meeting Agenda discussion – breakout rooms for AM/PM. May Liaison Meeting will have the Award Ceremony and a plan to have our own librarians to present at breakout sessions. There are approximately 6 or 7 librarians who reached out to present. **2:15 pm**
- Services for 26-27: Nassau BOCES is keeping Sora, Teaching Books, Rosen Teen Health and Wellness which come from the JUUL Grant Funds. Infobase Health Reference Center will continue with LILRC. Cybercivics – lesson plans are downloadable and districts have access so there is no need to continue to pay for the platform next year. There are thoughts of creating “mini grants” to allow districts to apply to receive free access to databases purchased by SLS instead of providing subscriptions to all districts. This is more cost-effective since not all districts make use of the free databases we provide each year. Thinking of offering Monarch/Bo Clips - similar to FindIt but not as refined - as a “mini grant.” Bo Clips is appropriate for all ages. Clickview and Bo Clips have been building their list of content vendors. Benefits: with Clickview and Bo Clips, there are no commercials and they include many educational videos. Nassau BOCES gets a lot of requests from teachers and superintendents for video repositories since You-Tube is no longer accessible to students in school. Clickview is expensive to purchase. Christina Pesiri requested a trial to Bo Clips to review. Comments on Streamable/Clickview - long videos, complicated interface. **2:17 pm**
- Bylaws: Have not been updated since the 2000’s. Discussion to update them and to pick a date to meet to get that done. A PDF for

planning to update them is in the draft Plan of Service and was sent to everyone. **2:23 pm**

- **Awards – One (1) nomination was received for both AOY and SLOY. There were nine (9) nominators, all by the same district, for Mimi Bino Dowd, New Visions School in Freeport (SLOY) and one (1) for Dr. Kathryn Behr from Schreiber High School in Port Washington (AOY). Motion to approve the winners- Approved. It was noted that the forms were changed this year to simplify the process to get more participation. Further discussions are needed to brainstorm on how to increase participation for next year to continue with this tradition. 2:24 pm**
- **Plan of Service: Draft version of the Plan of Service was shared on the screen and emailed to the council seeking feedback and/or changes on the Report – email Amber directly. Amber will create a google form for feedback from the Liaison Meetings. These will also be shared with LILRC as they shared their documents. The Report must be approved by the council before it can be submitted to the State. Discussion on holding another meeting or possibility of creating a google form to be emailed to the council to vote on the approval to the Plan of Service. Further discussion on reviewing an old version to compare. The 2021-2026 State Report was shared to the council and stated it's on the BOCES website during the meeting. One question in Report was – council members of Advisory Council are appointed. The issue is that the Bylaws state members are elected. Amber will contact Carl and Jean in Suffolk BOCES to inquire about their process. Nassau BOCES has always elected members. One problem is getting people to join and be present at meetings. Comments on updating the procedure for new members to be appointed with approval by council. Additional updates can be made in the Bylaws to have it this way. Continued discussion to review the Template – Section 3 (Member Plan Update). URL in Plan of Service – other library system created their own Member Plan. Council was asked to review what she included to gather more responses. CCP Plan – must discuss Members Plan updates for all the above. The annual survey has stayed the same, only the dates have changed and Section 4 – Goals. 2:27 pm**
- **Thoughts/Ideas: Amber would like to visit any of the Nassau libraries with an invitation. As part of the State Regulations for SLS Director it is required that she visit these locations. 2:40 pm**
- **A PhD cohort is being formed and held on March 26, 2026, at 5:00 pm at Long Island University POST Campus. Bea Baaden will send information along with the registration link. 2:42 pm**
- **Close meeting – an email will be sent including the Five-Year Plan of Service for 2021-2026. 2:43 pm**

- Members that attended: Amber Fink, Joanne Spencer, Bea Baaden, Carole Anne Weik, Renee McGrath, Christina Pesiri, Dr. Xavier Rodriquez, Agi Rosen, Karen Mylan
- *TBD: The next Advisory Council meeting May 12, 2026*
- **Meeting ends: 2:43**