

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

January 27, 2025

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on January 27, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Community Room of the El Modena Branch Library, 380 S. Hewes Street, Orange, California 92869.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Rebecca Martinez led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Montgomery, Stevens, and Martinez

Absent: Calvert

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Vice Chair Huber to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Montgomery, Stevens, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Calvert

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Susie Huber and Kathleen Stevens reported the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Updates on the bookstore, internet sales, and memberships.
- The Friends held Board elections and reevaluated their bylaws to address succession planning.
- Updates on past and upcoming specialty book sales.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Lynn-Marie Frediani reported the following on behalf of the Orange Public Library Foundation ("Foundation"):

- Updates on Foundation fundraising programs and events.
- Updates on the STEAM for Teens program and donations to the Teen Innovation Lab.
- Updates on collaborative programs with other Orange community groups.
- The Foundation held Board elections.
- Foundation Board meetings were affected by the change in Library operating hours and will now be held on the fourth Wednesday of every odd month.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1. Library Services Director's Report and Updates on Library Services

Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director, Lizette Guerra, Acting Library Manager II, and John Ferry, Librarian II and El Modena Branch Library Site Supervisor, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Updates on Library staff and scheduling, including the departmental merger with Community Services.
- Updates on building improvements.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current pro-grams.
- An announcement of upcoming Library events and programs.
- A discussion on El Modena Branch Library specific programs and displays.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - October 2024 (Revised), November 2024, and December 2024 reports were received and filed.

6.2. Financial Report For FY25 Through December 2024

The December 2024 Financial Report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Further discussion on text for informational pamphlet describing the differences between the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends, and the Foundation.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Updates on Ukulele SOUP.
- A discussion on advertising Library resources to neighborhood parochial schools.
- A discussion on resources provided by the Library to the community in case of natural emergencies.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of the Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Salter Annex of the Taft Branch Library.

Amy Harpster
Assistant Library Services Director