

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

February 24, 2025

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on February 24, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Salter Annex of the Taft Branch Library, 740 E. Taft Avenue, Orange, California 92865.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:37 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: None

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 January 27, 2025

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Montgomery, Stevens, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: None

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 continue to re-evaluate 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.
- Updates on the Seed Lending Libraries available at each Library Branch.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Services Director, Lizette Guerra, Acting Library Manager II, and JoAnne Chen, Taft Branch Library Site Supervisor, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- Updates on building improvements and plans for future projects.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current programs.
- An announcement of upcoming Library events and programs.
- Updates to the Library’s Adult Literacy Program and to the History Center.
- Updates on Library outreach.
- A discussion on Taft Branch Library specific programs and displays and how services have been affected by the adjusted operating hours.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - 2024 A Year in Review and January 2025 reports were received and filed.

6.2. Financial Report For FY25 Through January 2025

The January 2025 Financial Report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Leadership Orange will take a tour of the Orange Public Library & History Center on Feb 26, 2025.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Updates on Ukulele SOUP.
- The Library Board of Trustees Notice of Vacancy was posted on February 11, 2025.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of the Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center.

s/Leslie Hardy

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director