

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

January 26, 2026

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on January 26, 2026 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 3:37 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Martinez led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Absent: Stevens

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 17, 2025

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

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

- Updates on the Friends Board of Directors.
- Updates on the bookstore, memberships, and internet sales.
- Updates on past and upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Board of Directors adopted changes to the Friends bylaws.
- Updates on Friends financials.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Rebecca Martinez reported the following on behalf of the Orange Public Library Foundation ("Foundation"):

- The Foundation Board of Directors planned a Zoom meeting to work collaboratively with the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director, Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, and Shannon Lane, Senior Library Manager, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Updates on building improvements, construction, completed and upcoming projects.
- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- Updates on community outreach programs and Pop Up Library.
- Budget updates.
- Updates on citywide events and Library-specific participation in those events.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current events and programs.
- Updates specific to the El Modena Branch Library.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - October 2025 and November 2025 reports were received and filed.

6.2. Financial Report for FY26 Through December 2025

The Financial Report for FY26 through December 2025 was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Chair Martinez has an appointment with the Orange Unified School District's superintendent to arrange a meeting with the media specialist of each school.
- Chair Martinez attended the Orange High School showcase and noted that the Pop Up Library was a popular booth.
- Chair Martinez suggested utilizing the Orange Public Library & History Center during a 3-day "Celebrate Orange" weekend event.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

Trustees had the following to report:

- The Holy Family Catholic School thanked the Library for providing them with shelving ideas for their school library.
- The Holy Family Girl Scout troop expressed interest in scheduling a library tour.
- The Trustees discussed attending the annual Serving with a Purpose conference.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Consideration of Proposed Homework Center Policy

Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, gave a staff report on proposed changes to the Homework Center Policy.

Staff answered clarifying questions on the policy.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huber, seconded by Trustee Cazares, to adopt the policy as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Salter Annex of the Taft Branch Library.

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director