

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

February 23, 2026

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on February 23, 2026 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 3:33 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Huber led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Absent: Stevens, and Cazares

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 26, 2026

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens, and Cazares

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Vice Chair Huber provided updates on the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- The Friends Board of Directors re-elected Mary Galuska as President, Peter Wetzel as Treasurer, and appointed Ezel Barroso as Social Media Director.
- Statistics on the bookstore, memberships, internet sales, giving and receiving donations, and overall financials.
- Past and upcoming specialty book sales.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Lynn-Marie Frediani, Executive Director of the Orange Public Library Foundation ("Foundation") provided updates on the following on behalf of the Foundation:

- Information on the Little Free Libraries located around the city.
- S.T.E.A.M. and "It's Your Money/Estate" programs.
- Collaborations with other city organizations to maintain the Seed Lending Libraries.
- The Foundation continues to work on procuring donation and grant funds for S.T.E.A.M. and literacy programs.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director and Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, provided an update on Community and Library Services, including:

- Capital Improvement Plans, construction, project updates and building improvements.
- Library staff and scheduling.
- Changes to City parking policies and its effects on the Library.
- Community outreach programs and Pop Up Library.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and efforts for future programming.
- JoAnne Chen, Taft Branch Library Site Supervisor, provided a brief overview of the Taft Branch Library's services, programs, successes, and obstacles from the past calendar year.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - December 2025 report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Chair Martinez will lead a meeting and Library tour in April for the Orange Unified School District's media specialists to showcase the Library's services to the City's schools.
- Chair Martinez will lead a Library tour and scavenger hunt for the American Heritage Girls of Orange on March 6, 2026.
- Chair Martinez suggested the Library Foundation utilize the Orange Public Library & History Center's parking lot for a fundraiser during the Celebrate Orange event during the first weekend in May.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room of Orange Public Library & History Center.

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director

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