

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

July 20, 2026

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on July 20, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center, 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California 92866.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Huber called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Huber led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Absent: Cazares

Chair Martinez joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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 June 15, 2026

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, and Zimmerman

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares, and Martinez

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Christine Huard-Spencer provided updates on the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Market research to update Friends pricing.
- Upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Friends Board of Directors is seeking a new Volunteer Director.
- The Friends bookstore.

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:

- Details on upcoming fundraising opportunities and events.
- The Foundation hosted S.T.E.A.M. for children programs in conjunction with the Library's Lunch at the Library program.
- Foundation grants and donations.

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:

- Pop-Up Library and community outreach.
- Library staff, recruitments, and scheduling.
- Summer programming.
- The department's budget and city-wide Master Fee Schedule.
- The El Modena Branch Library will throw a reception on August 6, 2026 to unveil the local history exhibit display curated in partnership with the Orange Community Historical Society.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - May 2026 report was received and filed.
- The Financial Report for FY26 - July 2025 through June 2026 was received and filed.

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7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez reported the following:

- Chair Martinez is collaborating with the Santiago Charter Middle School to distribute 20 "Little Free Libraries" created by their students.
- The Superintendent of the Orange Unified School District, Dr. Rachel H. Monárrez, would like to host an annual meeting for all the district principals at the Orange Public Library & History Center.
- Chair Martinez will lead a tour of the Orange Public Library & History Center for a class of Chapman University students on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

Trustees reported the following:

- A suggestion that the Library's Rules of Conduct Policy should be displayed outside of the Library as well as more prominently inside the Library.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Adoption of Proposed Computer and Internet Use Policy

A motion was made by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Vice Chair Huber, to adopt the policy with the following amendments:

1. Remove bullet point 3 on page 1 for redundant language.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares

8.2. Approval of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Vice Chair Huber, to approve the proposed meeting schedule with the condition of canceling the Regular Meeting scheduled for December 21, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares

8.3. Selection of Library Board of Trustees Officers

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huber, seconded by Trustee Stevens, to select Rebecca Martinez as Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for a one-year term effective August 17, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huber, seconded by Trustee Zimmerman, to select Kathleen Stevens as Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for a one-year term effective August 17, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Stevens, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Cazares

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of the Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center.

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director