



CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

January 08, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Maribel Reyes

Secretary Giselle Luevanos

Trustee Francis X. Bova III

Trustee Virginia Segarra Bunnell

Trustee John Schwab

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Review and approve the minutes for the December 11, 2025 meeting.**

Motion made by Trustee Schwab

Seconded by Secretary Luevanos

Approved 4-0 (Segarra Bunnell - Abstaining)

CURRENT BUSINESS

- 2. Updates: City of Escondido**

General updates from the City, including specific updates regarding the library infrastructure project.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Community Services Department: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services)

Presenter(s): Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

Direction given to staff - Trustee Schwab requested staff submit a formal increase to City Council for the collections budget; President Reyes to draft letter and submit to Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services



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3. **Brown Act: 2026 Updates**

A brief refresher on the Brown Act and its impact on board meetings and expectations for public open access. Changes brought to the law for 2026 will be highlighted.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenters(s): Rino Landa, Library Director; City Clerk's staff

4. **New Stacks: Overview and Initial Plans**

A brief presentation on the library's new bookshelves, or "stacks," for the 239 S Kalmia Library. Planned layouts and potential collections housed will be presented.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenter(s): Rino Landa, Library Director

5. **Update: FY 25/26 Library Collection Budget and Expenditures**

An update of the state of the library's collection budget for FY 25/26 with expenditures and free balances as of 12/31/25.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenter(s): Rino Landa, Library Director

6. **Staff Report: Potential Use of Library Trust Funds for Collections**

A report outlining the potential use of an additional \$40,000 of Library Trust funds for use on the purchase of collection materials for the remainder of FY25/26.

Staff Recommendation: Request for Guidance (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenter(s): Rino Landa, Library Director

Motion made by Trustee Schwab to approve budget

Seconded by Trustee Segarra Bunnell

Approved 5-0



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STATISTICS REPORT

7. Presentation of monthly statistical report.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenter(s): Rino Landa, Library Director

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. Presentation of monthly report and general library updates.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Library: Rino Landa, Library Director)

Presenter(s): Rino Landa, Library Director

TRUSTEE LIBRARY USE REPORT

9. Reports by the Library Board of Trustees of their use of the library and its services.

Trustee Bova's family visited library with an out of town guest; continues to hear positive feedback about the library location at mall

Secretary Luevanos visited the library; appreciates the social media content

President Reyes utilized audio via Libby during December; shared the annual writing competition and is continuing the genealogy work

Trustee Schwab is planning on visiting library with grand children

Trustee Bunnell visited the library stating there was a balloon drop with a lot of excited patrons; extended thanks for posting about adult crafts

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

10. Unless otherwise noted, the Library Board of Trustees meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

2/12/2026 – 4:00 PM



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8/13/2026 – 4:00 PM

9/10/2026 – 4:00 PM

10/8/2026 – 6:00 PM

11/12/2026 – 4:00 PM

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