

CITY of ESCONDIDO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Virginia Segarra Bunnell Secretary Francis X. Bova III Trustee John Schwab (Left at 4:30 p.m.) Trustee Maribel Reyes Trustee Giselle Luevanos

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025 meeting

Motion made by President Bunnell

Seconded by Trustee Schwab

Approved 5-0

CURRENT BUSINESS

2. Election of President for Library Board of Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees will elect a President to serve as the presiding officer for the upcoming term. The President shall preside at meetings and may appoint members to special committees. The term of office is one (1) year and until a successor is elected.

Motion made by President Segarra Bunnell to nominate Trustee Reyes

Seconded by Secretary Bova III

Approved 5-0

3. Election of Secretary for Library Board of Trustees (Short Recess 4:04 p.m. – 4:06 p.m.)



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The Library Board of Trustees will elect a Secretary to serve for the upcoming term. The Secretary shall certify Board minutes and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. The term of office is one (1) year and until a successor is elected.

Motion made by Trustee Schwab to nominate Trustee Luevanos,

Seconded by Trustee Bunnell

Approved 4-0 (Luevanos - Abstain)

4. City of Escondido Staff Monthly Update and Report

The Assistant Director of Community Services will provide the Library Board of Trustees with the City's monthly update, including relevant City projects, initiatives, and activities that may impact library operations, programs, or services.

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

Presentation by Eduardo Vasquez, Project Manager

5. Unfunded Items Workshop

The Board will share the take aways and items covered at the public workshop held August 14, 2025, to identify and review priority unfunded needs for the Escondido Public Library *Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Project*. This discussion will provide an opportunity for the Board to explore potential funding strategies, align unfunded items with the Library's strategic goals, and inform future planning and budget recommendations.

Update by Trustee Bunnell

STATISTICS REPORT

6. The Library Director will present the most recent statistical report, including circulation figures, program attendance, public computer and Wi-Fi usage, and other key performance measures. The report will highlight trends, seasonal impacts, and comparisons to prior reporting periods.

Presented by Rino Landa, Library Director

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7. The Library Director will present the monthly report, providing updates on library operations, programs, staffing, facilities, and ongoing projects. This report may include notable achievements, upcoming events, and other developments affecting library services.



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TRUSTEE LIBRARY USE REPORT

8. Members of the Library Board of Trustees will report on their recent use of the Library and its services. Reports may include observations, feedback from the public, and participation in library programs, events, or outreach activities.

Trustee Bunnell received input from the community that the Chess Club is missed; Library Director Rino Landa confirmed it will be returning September/October

President Reyes requested posting chess club returning on social media; had positive experience with Hoopla and was able to check out items; Likes layout of the Spanish books at Mall location and enjoyed dinosaur books with her kids

Secretary Luevanos visited the mall location and reported staff were very helpful and friendly and the space was clean and easy to navigate

Trustee Bova visited mall location with kids and utilized seating areas outside the library to read; neighborhood people have shared they enjoy the mall location; thanked Trustee Bunnell for being President and for her service

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

9. 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.

09/11/2025 - 4:00pm

10/09/2025 - 6:00pm

11/13/2025 - 4:00pm

12/11/2025 - 4:00pm

Signed by:

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