

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

April 22, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Zaira Sanchez, in the absence of the chair and vice chair, with, Lori Davis, and Casey Hinkley present to form a quorum. Also present was Mark Rose, Library Director, Josh Roberts City Council Liaison, Jeff Kelso City Council and Youth Advisory Council members Aries Woodward, Kyla Pack and Yaretzi Alcazar.

2. READING OF MINUTES

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The minutes were approved written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelso asked about the current situation with homeless individuals at the library. Mr. Rose indicated that after the opening those that came were willing to comply with the rules to be in the library. Recently greater challenges have been occurring. Communication from staff sets the standards for behavior and must be consistent. Staff training on this was asked about and Mr. Rose will survey staff to insure that staff have good consistent training in this area.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Library By-Laws – Mr. Rose has not yet received the input of the City Attorney. When it is received a copy will go out so that a review and approval can occur at the earliest possible board meeting.

B. Report of Strategic Planning – Aries Woodward, who also serves on the Strategic Planning committee reported that 3 priorities have been identified: Marketing, Comfortable Spaces, Literacy for all ages. Library staff will now add details to these priorities to complete the plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

Mr. Rose discussed the 3rd quarter statistical report for 25-26. This report was also provided to Mr, Smith, city manager, who included portions in his weekly update to City Council, which was nice to see.

Mr. Rose informed the Board that the Gary Price Statue base is not in town and awaiting installation. When an unveiling is set, all will be notified.

Mr. Rose informed the Board that City Manager Smith, will invite members of the board to participate in the selection process of a new Director.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

8. NEXT MEETING

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9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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