



**City of Scottsdale
Library Board
Regular Meeting Minutes**
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 3:00 pm
Civic Center Library - Platinum Room
3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Janice Shimokubo, Vice-Chair Roselyn O'Connell (via phone), Board Members Patricia Pellett (via phone), and *Monica Sonnenklar (3:08 p.m. arrival)

ABSENT: Sam Campana

STAFF: Kira Peters, Deputy City Manager; Michael Beck, Library Director; Mike Murphy, Business & Analytics Manager; Alicia Brillon, Senior Manager; Javier Mendoza, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Chair Shimokubo called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present as listed above.

Mr. Beck introduced the attending Staff Members listed above.

Public Comment

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Minutes – June 10, 2026

Chair Shimokubo addressed the approval of the June 10, 2026 minutes and reviewed suggested corrections for the minutes before calling a vote to approve them as amended.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0: MOTION TO APPROVE BY VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS PELLETT AND SONNENKLAR VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Patron Comments Report

Michael Beck, Library Director, reviewed and highlighted patron feedback in the monthly report to the Board for June through August 2026. Board members then discussed the submissions, asked questions, and offered suggestions, which were addressed by Mr. Beck and the library's Administrative Assistant, Javier Mendoza.

2. November Board Meeting

Chair Shimokubo led a discussion to select an alternate meeting date in November, as the regular date falls on Veterans Day (November 11), a federal holiday. The Board discussed and voted 4-0 to reschedule the meeting for Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the Civic Center Library.

APPROVED NEW DATE 4-0: MOTION TO APPROVE BY CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS PELLETT AND SONNENKLAR VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Rassner Endowment Fund

Alicia Brillon, Senior Manager, requested that the Board support and recommend that the City Council approve the distribution of up to \$18,900 of interest income from the Rassner Memorial Scottsdale Library Endowment Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027. The Library Board then voted 4-0 to recommend the request to City Council for approval.

APPROVED RECOMMENDATION 4-0: MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS PELLETT AND SONNENKLAR VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. FY2025/26 – 4th Quarter Library Performance Report

Mike Murphy, Business and Analytics Manager, presented the fourth quarter data and metrics for FY2025/2026, covering library services, activities, resources, usage, and related trend analysis. Board members asked questions throughout the report, which were answered by Mr. Murphy and Library Director Michael Beck.

5. New Library Board Member Orientation

Michael Beck, Library Director, shared a draft New Library Board Member Orientation PowerPoint, modified by himself and Chair Shimokubo, in preparation for newly appointed members. He noted the presentation will be accompanied by an informational Board Binder created by Mr. Mendoza to support both current and incoming board members. Board Members also provided suggestions and praised the creation of the binder as a helpful resource.

6. Director's Report

Michael Beck, Library Director, provided the Library Board with a summary of current events and follow-up updates.

7. Board Member's Report

Board Members provided a summary of their recent activities in support of SPL, including attending current events and other library-related activities.

8. Identification of Future Agenda Items and Future Meetings

The Library Board briefly made suggestions to Library Director Michael Beck on items it wished to be placed on the October 14th, 2026, meeting's agenda.

9. Adjournment

APPROVED ADJOURNMENT 4-0: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR, 2ND BY CHAIR SHIMOKUBO; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS PELLETT AND SONNENKLAR VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.