Approved November 12, 2026

City of Scottsdale
Library Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 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 (arrived at 3:02 p.m.), Board Members: *Patricia Pellett (via phone, arrived at 3:06 p.m.), *Monica Sonnenklar (arrived at 3:15 p.m.), Sam Campana, Douglas Connolly, and Rissel Langbecker.

STAFF: Michael Beck, Library Director; Jennifer Wong, Senior Library Manager; Alicia Brillon, Senior Library Manager; Javier Mendoza, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Chair Shimokubo called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

1 request to speak was submitted by a member of the public, who was given 3 minutes to make their comment during the public comment period.

Minutes – August 12, 2026

Chair Shimokubo addressed the approval of the August 12, 2026, minutes and called a vote to approve them after no corrections were suggested.

APPROVED 7-0: MOTION TO APPROVE BY CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS: PELLETT, SONNENKLAR, CAMPANA, CONNOLLY, AND LANGBECKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Patron Comments Report

Michael Beck, Library Director, reviewed and highlighted patron feedback in the September 2026 report. Board members then discussed the submissions, asked questions, and offered suggestions, which were addressed by Mr. Beck.

2. Social Media Marketing

Jennifer Wong, Senior Manager, shared an update on the library's social media marketing and communication efforts and how they engage with the City's Office of Communications team to promote public libraries and citywide events.

3. SPL Strategic Partnerships

Mike Beck, Library Director, provided the Board Members with an overview of the library's core strategic community and programming partnerships. Following the overview, Board Members commented on the partnerships mentioned and asked about the feasibility of suggesting additional candidates for partnership, to which Mr. Beck responded.

4. New Library Board Member Orientation

Michael Beck, Library Director, shared an updated New Library Board Member Orientation PowerPoint with existing Board Members in preparation for newly appointed Board members. Board Members were given the opportunity to provide suggestions, and it was decided to remove the "Board Member Orientation Handbook" bullet point from the Resources slide. A vote was then held to approve the presentation.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0: MOTION TO APPROVE BY CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER SONNENKLAR; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS: PELLETT, SONNENKLAR, CAMPANA, CONNOLLY, AND LANGBECKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Director's Report

Michael Beck, Library Director, provided the Library Board with a summary of current events and provided follow-up updates. Library Board Members were reminded that the Director's Report agenda item was for informational purposes only; they could send any questions to either Mr. Beck or Javier Mendoza, Administrative Assistant to the Library, for review and response outside the board meeting.

6. Board Member's Report

Board Members provided a summary of their activities in support of SPL, including volunteering at current events and other library-related activities. Board Members also thanked Member Campana for her years of service as her term was ending.

7. Identification of Future Agenda Items and Future Meetings

The Library Board briefly made suggestions to Library Director Michael Beck regarding items it wished to add to the agenda for the November 12th, 2026, meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED 7-0: MOTION TO ADJOURN BY VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, 2ND BY BOARD MEMBER CAMPANA; CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, VICE-CHAIR O'CONNELL, AND BOARD MEMBERS: PELLETT, SONNENKLAR, CAMPANA, CONNOLLY, AND LANGBECKER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.