

**SALADO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m.
February 23, 2026

Salado Public Library
1151 N. Main St
Salado, TX 76571

1. Declaration of quorum and call to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nancy Mills Mackey. Others present include Vice President Becky Michele Huppert, Treasurer Keith Cryar, Secretary Dana Rojas, Member-at-Large Ray Lindner, Library Director Jeanie Lively, Assistant Library Director Julie Hoy, Teen/Young Adult Librarian April Gatliff, Library Specialist Manuela Smith, and Library Assistant, Sierra Riker.

2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit by Gary Davis

The Fiscal Year 2025 was presented via telephone by Gary Davis and distributed to the Board. Additional copies available to all from the Library Director, upon request.

3. Public Forum

Citizens wishing to address the Board must sign up to speak in advance. Signup sheets will be available at the front desk and online from the time the agenda is posted until 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Speakers will have up to 3 minutes to address any agenda item. Topics not on the agenda will not be discussed unless citizens request they be added to a future agenda. The Board may provide factual information or recite existing policy in response to inquiries but will not deliberate or make decisions on subjects not included on the posted agenda.

Ten community members spoke on agenda item #4. Of the ten speakers, seven spoke his/her thoughts on the importance of the library continuing to be a safe space for all, expressed support of the library staff and board, and his/her opinion on protecting First Amendment rights and against censorship. Two community members expressed their opinion on the importance of protecting children and young minds from sexually explicit material and how the library is accountable for protecting children from explicit material. One community member asked for an update on adding books on detransitioning as requested in the last board meeting. Speakers in order of signup sheet:

Jasmine, Barclay McCort, Rewa Brown (absent), Debbie Aldridge, Dave Shryock, Holly Holmes, Melanie Caraway, Angeline Rinehart, Amy Flynn, Tiffany McEachern (absent), Paula Dolin, Denise Siebert.

4. Discuss/Vote on appeals of Reconsideration Committee decisions on *Sync* by Ellen Hopkins and *Heartless* by Elsie Silver made by Allison Dolin and *This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson made by Stephen Sequeira

*President Nancy Mills Mackey read the Request for Reconsideration of Materials form submitted by Allison Dolin and Stephen Sequeira, as well as, the committee notes and decision of each challenge. Stephen Sequeira, Charles Simmons, and Jose Martinez addressed the Board in reference to the appeal made for *This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson. The Board discussed *Sync* and President Mackey made the motion to to keep *Sync* on the shelves, receiving a second from Vice President Huppert. On a roll call vote, the following votes were recorded: Mackey- yea, Huppert- yea, Cryar- yea, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion passed to uphold the review committee's decision to retain the book in the library's current collection. The Board discussed *Heartless* and President Mackey made a motion to keep *Heartless* on the shelves, receiving a second from Secretary Rojas. On a roll call vote, the following votes were recorded: Mackey-yea, Huppert-yea, Cryar-yea, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion passed to uphold the review committee's decision to retain the book in the library's current collection. The Board discussed *This Book is Gay* and President Mackey made a motion to keep *This Book is Gay* on the shelves, receiving a second from Secretary Rojas. On a roll call vote , the following votes were recorded: Mackey-yea, Huppert-yea, Cryar-yea, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion passed in favor to uphold the review committee's decision to retain the book in the library's current collection.*

President Nancy Mills Mackey called for a 10 minute break at 6:43 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 6:53 p.m.

5. Minutes from the February 09, 2026 meeting

Minutes from the February 09, 2026 meeting previously distributed and voted unanimously with typo edits.

6 Treasurer's Report on prior month and YTD finances

The Treasurer's report was distributed. The report was filed, subject to audit

7. Discuss/Update joint elections for 2026

Library Specialist Manuela Smith provided an update on the upcoming May election. There are a total of 9,954 eligible voters for the upcoming library board election. Five candidates filed on time with no errors for the two open positions for the Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees. On February 23, 2026, candidates' names were randomly drawn to determine order on the ballot. Names will appear in order as Teresa Schwab, Nancy Mills Mackey (Incumbent), Maira Garza-Pratt, Keith Cryar (Incumbent), and Christian Wigley.

8. Director's report on Library operations and activities

Library Director Jeanie Lively presented the report with the library's statistics and activities. Jeanie included a letter in which she read to the Board expressing her unreserved support for her library staff. Copies of this report may be obtained upon request to the Director.

9. Library expansion report

Board President, Treasurer, and Library Director met to look at bids and sent back for modifications. Concept drawings/plans to be provided by 720 Design and expected for March or April meeting.

10. Friends of the Library report

Susan Starnes, FOSPL President, presented the Board with updates "Bill Kinnison was appointed as the new Vice President. The Friends approved and funded the purchase of an ADA-compliant automatic front door opener and it was installed on February 23, 2026, by Tom Gidley of Gidley Electric and Belton Glass and Doors. The Author Enlightenment series that takes place in October will have a theme of Southern Authors. April Cousins and Tim Flanagan are writing the "satire" scripts and there will be two shows on Sunday, October 4, 2026. Special thanks to Steven Meiman of GDawg Audio for the generous donation of sound equipment. The FOSPL is currently working towards completing the permanent story walk for the library lawn and public garden by the Civic Center and hope to have them completed this spring."

11. Agenda items for next board meeting

Public Forum

Minutes from February 23, 2026 meeting

Treasurer's Report on prior month and YTD finances

Discuss/Vote on updates to, if any, to the current Collection Development Policy 2024

Discuss/Vote on updates to, if any, to the current Request for Reconsideration of Materials Policy

Election Updates

Director's report on Library operations and activities

Library expansion report

Friends of the Library report

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dana Rojas