

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

Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m.
April 27, 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, and Assistant Library Director Julie Hoy.

2. 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, but citizens may request that items not on the current agenda 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.

Stephen Sequeira addressed the Board to clarify his comments on the Collection and Development Policy made during last month's meeting. He did not ask to exclude all sexually explicit material from the library, only explicit material found in the children's and young adult section. Mr. Sequeira feels the Board does not follow policies as they are written and those who use policy are being criticized and described as "political". Linda Egg spoke in support of the librarians and how it's been hard to watch the negativity towards our librarians. She feels the discussions around our policies during meetings has been a waste of time and money. She expressed how she feels it's inappropriate for patrons to read sexually explicit passages from books during the public forum section during meetings, especially when there are minors present. Ms. Egg asked the Board to consider only allowing those who live in the library district use the reconsideration policy and the requestor should pay for the additional copies needed for the reconsideration committee and not by library funds. Chris Lanham agreed with Ms. Egg's previous comments about the inappropriateness of reading aloud of sexually explicit passages at board meetings and how the audience has not consented to it. She asked the Board to consider not allowing adult books to be included in the reconsideration policy. She asked the public to have respect for each other and she mentioned her disagreement with recent letters to the editor in the Salado Village Voice implying our librarians are grooming children. Paula Dolin spoke on how she feels the library has a lack of proactive information for parents to make informed decisions on the books that are available. She stated her desire for clear labeling and guidance for parents to be warned about sexually explicit material rather than parents finding out after a book has been checked out/read. She requested the library to provide clear and visual signage in each section and how this would demonstrate care and full disclosure. Angeline Rineheart spoke on how the contemporary romance genre has exploded in popularity; many of these books are by women and for women and there is evidence this genre has a positive impact for readers. She asked the Board to not allow reconsideration on adult materials and how if an adult does not like a particular genre or book, he/she can simply not check it out but cannot remove the book from others. She feels it's been a waste of time and money on the recent book challenges and expressed her trust in the librarians to continue doing their job. Brenda Howard spoke on the latest transgender detransition studies and defined for the Board what obscenity means and what constitutes materials to be deemed obscene. Debby Aldridge spoke and asked the Board to please do away with the reconsideration policy altogether and how the majority of the community trust the librarians and the job they are doing. She noted the fact no book that has been challenged thus far has been removed by the committees or the Board and how the librarians and Board are being bullied by a small number of patrons. She feels the Board should limit the number of challenges and those

who challenge should pay for the additional books needed for the committee. She stated the reconsideration committees are fair and randomly selected.

3. Minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting

Minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting previously distributed and approved unanimously.

4 Treasurer's Report on prior month and YTD finances

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

5. Review, Update, & Approve Investment Policy

The Quarterly Investment Report was distributed. Member-at-large Ray Lindner moved to approve the policy and report was unanimously approved. The report was filed, subject to audit.

6. Discuss/Vote on proposed updates to Request for Reconsideration of Materials Policy

President Nancy Mills Mackey made a motion to remove the current Request for Reconsideration of Materials Policy altogether and Secretary Dana Rojas seconded the motion. After open discussion, on a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-nay, Huppert-yea, Cryar-nay, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion failed to remove the policy. President Mackey made a motion to remove all adult books from the Request for Reconsideration of Materials Policy and Secretary Rojas seconded. On a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-yea, Huppert-abstain, Cryar-yea, Lindner-abstain, Rojas-yea. The motion passed and to remove adult books from the current policy. Secretary Rojas made a motion to limit the number of reconsideration requests per individual, family, and household, to 2 per year. On a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-yea, Huppert-abstain, Cryar-nay, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion failed. Secretary Rojas made a motion to limit the number of reconsideration requests per individual, family, and household, to 4 per year. On a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-yea, Huppert-abstain, Cryar-yea, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion passed to cap the number of reconsideration requests. Secretary Rojas made a motion for the review committee to consist of 1 board member and 4 library district residents and remove the appeal process from the policy. On a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-yea, Huppert-abstain, Cryar-yea, Lindner-nay, Rojas-yea. The motion passed to have a review committee consisting of 1 board member and 4 library district residents and no appeal process. Vice President Huppert made the motion to approve the policy as amended. On a roll call vote, the following votes were counted: Mackey-yea, Huppert-abstain, Cryar-yea, Lindner-abstain, Rojas-yea, and the motion passed.

Vice President Becky Michele Huppert called for a break at 6:55 p.m

Meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

7. Discuss/Vote on proposed updates to Collection Development Policy

The board discussed the updates and Treasurer Keith Cryar moved to accept the policy with the suggested edits. Vice President Becky Michele Huppert seconded the motion to approve the policy as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss/Update joint elections for 2026

Last day for early voting in the election is April 28, 2026. Election Day will be on Saturday May 2, 2026 and voting will take place at the Bell County Salado Annex on Event Dr. from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

9. Director's report on Library operations and activities

No report was provided due to printer errors.

10. Library expansion report

After the presentation meeting held by 720 Design on April 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., we will move forward with the concept plan provided using the same land the library currently owns. A foundation will be formed to research grant money, approach donors, fundraise, and accept donations.

11. Friends of the Library report

No report was provided.

12. Agenda items for next board meeting

Public Forum

Minutes from April 20, 2026 meeting and April 27, 2026 meeting

Treasurer's Report on prior month and YTD finances
Budget review
Swearing in of new Board Trustee and vote on officers of the Board
Director's report on Library operations and activities
Library expansion report
Friends of the Library report
13. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dana Rojas