

# Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting

January 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Amy Feauto, Chair.

Present Board Members	Patti Park Shelley Bryant Emily Roth Shane Smith Brandon Hines, Director	Amy Feauto Joe Lohmeyer Mary Toepfer Mason Ruder
Absent Board Members	None	
Guests	Chris Sook, Attorney, Jeter Law Firm LLP	
Presentation	None	
Public Comment	Limit to 3 minutes per person, 30 minutes total. Four citizens were in attendance. One citizen spoke, Kelly Ancar.	
Communication	Email included in packet.	
Consent Agenda	It was moved and seconded (Roth/Toepfer) to accept the December 17, 2025, board meeting minutes, December 2025 bills and financial reports, and the department reports and statistics as presented. Motion passed unanimously.	
Director's Report	Included in packet.	
Unfinished Business	a. Reconsideration of Materials. Presented by Amy Feauto.  i. Executive Session: It was moved and seconded (Smith/Bryant) at 4:14 p.m. to go into executive session for 30 minutes with attorney, Chris Sook, the Library Director and Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Smith/Toepfer) to extend executive session by 15 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended. ii. Statement was provided by the Hays Public Library attorney, Chris Sook. iii. Chair, Amy Feauto re-read the appeal process of the reconsideration of material policy.	
New Business	a. Capital Improvement Transfer. Presented by Katie McCall (action). It was moved and seconded (Toepfer/Park) to transfer an amount not to exceed \$202,214, 10% of the annual general fund to the long-term capital fund. Motion passed unanimously.  b. GAAP Waiver. Presented by Katie McCall (action). It was moved and seconded (Roth/Smith) to agree to the waiver of the GAAP requirements. Motion passed unanimously.	
Board Open Discussion	Welcome of Mayor, Mason Ruder. Brandon thanked the board for their attendance. It was noted that there were only three absences during the past year. Mason thanked everyone for being members of the board and willingness to serve and extended a thank you to Brandon and his staff for everything they do.	

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Amy Feauto at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.  
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bryant, Secretary 01/21/2026.