

Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting

February 11, 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 (Zoom) Brandon Hines, Director	Amy Feauto Joe Lohmeyer Mary Toepfer Mason Ruder
Absent Board Members	None	
Guests	Katie McCall, Business Manager Chris Sook, Attorney, Jeter Law Firm LLP	
Public Comment	Limit to 3 minutes per person, 30 minutes total. Five citizens were in attendance. One citizen spoke, Kelly Ancar.	
Presentation	None	
Communication	Emails included in packet. Communication was acknowledged.	
Consent Agenda	It was moved and seconded (Bryant/Park) to accept the January 21, 2026, board meeting minutes, January 2026 bills and financial reports, and the department reports and statistics as presented. Motion passed unanimously.	
Director's Report	Included in packet.	
Unfinished Business	a. It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Toepfer) at 4:12 p.m. to go into executive session for 20 minutes for consultation deemed attorney client privileged with Attorney, Chris Sook, to include the Brandon Hines, Library Director and Katie McCall, Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Bryant/Ruder) to extend executive session for 15 minutes at 4:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended. b. Ellis County Library. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). Provided a brief update of the status of the Ellis County library.	
New Business	a. HB 2410 (concerning taxing districts withdrawing from a regional library system). Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). Brandon traveled to Topeka for the hearings and provided an updated. b. Carnegie Foundation Gift. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). Provided a press release documentation regarding the gift from the Carnegie Foundation.	
Board Open Discussion	None	

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Amy Feauto at 5:01 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bryant, Secretary 02/11/2026.