

Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting

April 15, 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	Katie McCall, Business Manager James Bell, City of Hays Public Relations Manager.	
Public Comment	Limit to 3 minutes per person, 30 minutes total. One citizen was in attendance. No public comment.	
Presentation	None	
Communication	Stephanie Leithead Letter Diana Glassman Letter	
Consent Agenda	It was moved and seconded (Smith/Park) to accept the March 11, 2026, board meeting minutes, March 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. Ellis County Library. Presented by Brandon Hines (action). It was moved and second (Bryant/Roth) to accept the funds and utilize the funds to serve patrons throughout Ellis County including digital access, physical resources, programming, and other library services. Motion passed unanimously.	
New Business	a. Legislative and Regulatory Update. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). Provided information regarding current and proposed bills. b. Recording Policy. Presented by Brandon Hines (action). It was moved and seconded (Smith/Roth) to accept the changes to the Recording Policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously. c. Bathroom Policy. Presented by Brandon Hines (action). It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Lohmeyer) to approve the Bathroom Policy as presented due to Senate Bill 44. Motion passed unanimously.	
Board Open Discussion	Mason provided an update on the board open positions and applications. Brandon and the rest of the board thanked Joe for his service on the board.	

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Amy Feauto at 5:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bryant, Secretary 04/15/2026.