

Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting

July 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 Sue Ann Tebo, Zoom Mason Ruder Mary Toepfer
Absent Board Members	None	
Guests	Katie McCall, Business Manager	
Public Comment	Limit to 3 minutes per person, 30 minutes total. One citizen was in attendance. One citizen, David Vilaysing did not speak.	
Presentation	None	
Communication	Acknowledgement of two emails received.	
Consent Agenda	It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Toepfer) to accept the June 17, 2026, board meeting minutes, June 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 Public Library. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). i. Contract – review of the draft contract – Ellis County Library Board would like a response by August 15, 2026 of the format. Board members reviewed and did not see any issues with the format. ii. Budget – discussion of the allocation of the funds that will be received. iii. Victoria – discussion of expectations for outreach to include rental space, furnishing, programs, community input, etc.	
New Business	a. Discussion i. Executive Session: It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Smith) at 4:30 p.m. to go into executive session for 10 minutes for discussions pertaining to nonelected personnel to include the HPM Director and HPL Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 4:40 p.m. ii. It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Smith) to respond to the one communication that the actions of the director will stand per the board. This will be completed by email.	
Board Open Discussion	Review of Communications Coordinator report and discussion. Shane also inquired about advertising of the Declaration 250. Brandon noted this will be done.	

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Amy Feauto at 4:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bryant, Secretary 07/15/2026.