

Minutes of the Hays Public Library (HPL) Board Meeting

August 12, 2026

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

Present Board Members	Patti Park Shelley Bryant Mason Ruder Shane Smith Brandon Hines, Director	Amy Feauto Sue Ann Tebo Emily Roth left at 4:44 p.m. Mary Toepfer
Absent Board Members	None	
Guests	Katie McCall, Business Manager Chris Sook, Attorney, Jeter Law Firm	
Public Comment	Limit to 3 minutes per person, 30 minutes total. No public comment.	
Presentation	None	
Communication	None	
Consent Agenda	It was moved and seconded (Smith/Tebo) to accept the July 15, 2026, board meeting minutes, July 2026 bills and financial reports, and the department reports and statistics as presented. Motion passed unanimously.	
Unfinished Business	a. Executive Session – privileged consultation with Attorney, Chris Sook to include HPL Director, Brandon Hines, and HPL Business Manager, Katie McCall. It was moved and seconded (Smith/Roth) at 4:01 p.m. to go into executive session for 20 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 4:21 p.m. b. Executive Session Extended – privileged consultation with Attorney, Chris Sook to include HPL Director, Brandon Hines, and HPL Business Manager, Katie McCall. It was moved and seconded (Smith/Ruder) at 4:22 p.m. to extend executive session for 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 4:32 p.m.	
Director's Report	Included in packet.	
Unfinished Business Continued	c. Ellis County Library. Presented by Brandon Hines. i. Contract (action). It was moved and seconded (Ruder/Tebo) to approve the Contract for Library Services. Motion passed unanimously.	
New Business	a. CKLS Annual Board Training. Presented by Brandon Hines (discussion). Training was handed out to board members to complete before the next meeting.	
Board Open Discussion	None	

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Amy Feauto at 4:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.
Respectfully submitted by Shelley Bryant, Secretary 08/12/2026.