



PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

July 28, 2026

5:15 p.m.

Hybrid

Approved: August 25, 2026

Call to Order

Chair Amy Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Jaci Eiquihua, Douglas Hambley, Scott Kniefel, Amy Roberts, Jane Sandberg

Members absent: Steve Borst (excused), Linda Hart (excused)

Staff present: Eric Ikenouye, Library Director; Elise Schuh, Administrative Services Coordinator

Approval of June 23, 2026, Minutes

5:16 p.m.

MOTION: Board member Jaci Eiquihua moved to approve the minutes as written. Board member Scott Kniefel seconded it and it passed (5-0).

Scheduled Business

5: 16 p.m.

The consultants from Library Strategies presented the final version of the Strategic Plan, noting that only minor changes to photographs may still be made. The plan includes an introductory letter from the Library Director, as well as an introduction providing context and background on the planning process, with an emphasis on the inclusion of community feedback.

The five goals were presented individually to the Library Board. Library Strategies thanked the Board for their work and input throughout the planning process and shared that their next step will be to work with library staff and leadership to develop a first-year implementation plan. The implementation plan will be supplemented by a tracking dashboard that includes measures of success.

In response to a question, Library Strategies stated that AI was not used to synthesize or express information in any of the reports or in the Strategic Plan.

The Library Board thanked Library Strategies for their work.

Business from the Commission

5:34 p.m.

Roberts provided an update on the most recent Foundation meeting, including upcoming programs and a planned ADA feasibility study at Carnegie.

In response to a question about the library's teen interns, Ikenouye shared that they are gaining new experiences, learning new skills, and helping with a little bit of everything.

Staff Updates

5:42 p.m.

Ikenouye shared that, in collaboration with the Foundation, several ideas were generated for how the Carnegie Corporation grant could be used.

He also shared updates on several recent programs, including the rainbow unveiling and a presentation by Bigfoot expert Cliff Barackman. In addition, Ikenouye announced a new library assistant hire and shared that the library has upgraded its Wi-Fi access points using federal E-Rate funding.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on August 25, 2026.

Adjournment

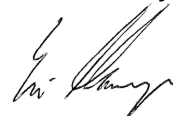
Hearing no further business, Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elise Schuh
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,



Eric Ikenouye
Library Director

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityrecorder@albanyoregon.gov.*