



MINUTES
Berkeley Public Library - Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
6:30 PM
West Branch - 1125 University Avenue, Berkeley CA 94702

Board of Library Trustees:
Beverly Greene, President Shoshana O'Keefe
Tanir Ami, Vice President Amy Roth

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A copy of the agenda packet can be found at <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about/board-library-trustees>

- A. Call to order:** 6:36 PM
- Present: Trustees Ami, Greene, O'Keefe and Roth
- Absent: None.
- Also Present: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services; Amanda Myers, Acting Deputy Director; Aimee Reeder, Communications Manager; Rudy Tapia, Circulation Services Manager, Brian Gavin, Senior Building Maintenance Supervisor, Jacqui Rodriguez, Administrative Secretary

B. Ceremonial Matters: None.

C. Public Comments: 0 speakers.

D. Comments from Library Unions:

1. SEIU, LOCAL 1021 (Community Services and PTRLA Units) – 0 speakers
2. SEIU, LOCAL 1021 (Maintenance and Clerical Units) – 0 speakers
3. Public Employees Union, LOCAL 1 – 0 speakers

E. Comments from Board of Library Trustees:

1. Trustee Greene thanks Aimee Reeder, Diane Davenport and the North Branch Staff for shining light on the Berkeley Public Library (BPL) by collaborating on a wonderful article about the BPL that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle. Trustee Greene extends her appreciation for all library services and notes how special the Berkeley Public Library is.

II. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

- A. Facilities Projects and Updates (PowerPoint Presentation)** – Brian Gavin, Senior Building Maintenance Supervisor
Action: Received.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Ami/ Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 26-001 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Ami, Greene, O'Keefe and Roth. Noes: None. Absent: None, Abstentions: None.

A. Approve Minutes of the December 3, 2025 Regular Meeting

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-002 to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025 as submitted.

B. Correction to All Staff Late Opening Dates

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to open the Central Library and all Branch Libraries one hour later on January 30, May 29, July 31 and October 30, 2026, to allow adequate time for all-staff meeting.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-003.

ACTION CALENDAR

A. 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Board of Library Trustees – Rotating Locations

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving revised locations for the 2026 regular meeting schedule of the Board of Library Trustees.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O’Keefe/ Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 26-004

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Ami, Greene, O’Keefe and Roth. Noes: None. Absent: None, Abstentions: None.

IV. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Monthly Library Director’s Report - Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Received.

B. Director of Library Services Recruitment Update – Beverly Greene, President, Board of Library Trustees, June Garcia, June Garcia, LLC

Action: Received.

V. AGENDA BUILDING

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Future meeting topics identified include the recruitment process for two trustees.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Roth/Trustee Ami) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Ami, Greene, O’Keefe and Roth. Noes: None. Absent: None, Abstentions: None.

Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday, January 7, 2026 as approved by the Board of Library Trustees.

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Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services, acting as secretary to BOLT

Attachments:

1. Facilities Projects and Updates (PowerPoint Presentation)