



MINUTES

Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2026 6:30 pm

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch - 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley CA 94703

Commission Members:

Beverly Greene, President; Tanir Ami, Vice President; Shoshana O'Keefe, and 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: 6:37 pm

Present: Trustees Ami, Greene, and O'Keefe

Absent: Trustee Roth

Also Present: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services; Amanda Myers, Acting Deputy Director; Nneka Gallaread, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Aimee Reeder, Communications Manager; Dia Penning, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager; Bill Kolb, Library Services Manager; Rudy Tapia, Circulation Services Manager; Alicia Abramson Information Technology Manger, Stacey Fong Library Literacy Instructor; Lily Eros, Books & Ballet - UC Berkeley Chapter; Sona Rae Wyse, Books & Ballet - UC Berkeley Chapter; Jacqui Rodriguez, Administrative Secretary

B. Ceremonial Matters: None.

C. Public Comments: 2 speakers.

D. Comments from Library Unions:

1. SEIU, LOCAL 1021 (Community Services and PTRLA Units) – 3 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** – She expresses her appreciation for the staff at the Berkeley Public Library (BPL) for always being helpful when she visits the library on weekends and exclaims that we are fortunate to exist in a community that really supports and understands the importance of the library, as this is unique considering events happening around the world. At the BPL, we enjoy the freedom of literary expression, and she becomes increasingly aware of this every time she visits the library. Trustee Greene notes that we are fortunate to live in a supportive environment, especially when thinking of other communities that may not have

the same relationship that we have with our libraries and communities.

II. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

- A. **Books and Ballet, UC Berkeley Chapter (PowerPoint):** Lily Eros & Sona Rae Wyse
Action: Received.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O'Keefe/ Trustee Ami) to adopt Resolution No. 26-010 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

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

A. **Approve Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Special BOLT Meeting (Closed Session)**

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the January 7, 2026 Special BOLT meeting (Closed Session) minutes as presented.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-011 to approve the minutes of January 7, 2026 as submitted.

B. **Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Regular BOLT Meeting**

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the February 4, 2026 Regular BOLT meeting minutes as presented.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-012 to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026 as submitted.

C. **Purchase Authorization in Excess of Director of Library Services' Granted Authority Revised**

From: Nneka Gallaread, Fiscal and Administrative Services Manager

Recommendation: Adopt resolution authorizing the Director of Library Services to enter into fiscal year 2026 purchase agreements and approve payments to specified vendors for services encompassing utility, telephone and intranet/internet services, library materials, state taxes, professional services, and office supplies that may exceed the director's delegated spending authority of \$50,000 for services and \$100,000 for goods, materials, and equipment.

Contact: Nneka Gallaread, Fiscal and Administrative Services Manager

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-013 authorizing the Director of Library Services to execute fiscal year 2026 purchase agreements and payment approvals for the specifies vendors as named per Attachment 2 for services, materials, and supplies that may exceed the delegated spending authority.

IV. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. **FYTD 2026 – 2nd Quarter YTD Budget Report** – Nneka Gallaread, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager

Action: Received.

- B. **Monthly Library Director's Report** - Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Received.

- C. **Director of Library Services Recruitment Update** – Beverly Greene, President - Board of Library

Trustees
Action: Received.

D. Library Trustees Recruitment Update – Beverly Greene, President – Board of Library Trustees
Action: Received.

V. AGENDA BUILDING

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Future meeting topics identified include updates on the library director recruitment, board of library trustee recruitment, and approval CPI/PIG for May meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O'Keefe/ Trustee Ami) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 7:26 pm.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 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. Ballet and Books PowerPoint Presentation