



MINUTES

Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 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: 6:31 pm

Present: Trustee Ami, O'Keefe and Roth

Absent: Trustee Greene

Also Present: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services; Amanda Myers, Acting Deputy Director; Aimee Reeder, Communications Manager; Dia Penning, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager; Bill Kolb, Library Services Manager; Rudy Tapia, Circulation Services Manager; Jill Tokutomi, Supervising Librarian. Chin Keita, Library Specialist II, Juan Castille and Jacqui Rodriguez, Administrative Secretary

B. Ceremonial Matters: Acting Director of Library Services, Henry Bankhead, announced the untimely and unexpected passing of Berkeley Public Library staff member and friend, Robert Young. Robert worked for nearly 25 years at the Tool Lending Library, touching the countless lives of many members of the community. Vice President Ami added that tonight's meeting will be adjourned in honor of Robert Young.

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: None.

II. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

A. Tech Roadmap Update (PowerPoint Presentation) – Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Received.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O'Keefe/Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 26-014 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

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

A. Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-015 to approve the minutes of March 4, 2026, as submitted.

B. RFP For Branding Services: Accessible, Consistent and Community-Centered Outreach

From: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to authorize the library to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage a vendor for branding services, in alignment with the library's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and 2024 Technology Roadmap.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-016.

C. Proposed Personnel Changes- Graphic Designer 1.0FTE – City of Berkeley Classification Code 9034

From: Aimee Reeder, Communications Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the addition of one 40 hour/week 1.0 FTE Graphic Designer, in alignment with the library's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and 2024 Technology Roadmap.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-017.

D. RFP for Automated Materials Handling System Replacement

From: Bill Kolb, Manager, Central Library Services Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to authorize the library to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage a vendor for the redesign and replacement of the library's existing Automated Materials Handling Systems (AMHS) across all five (5) BPL locations in alignment with the Technology Roadmap adopted by the library in 2024.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 26-018.

ACTION CALENDAR

A. Donor Recognition: PowerPoint Presentation of the Pittman Family Photo Collection from Dr. Thomas Arnold

From: Jill Tokutomi, Supervising Librarian; Chine Keita, Library Specialist II; and Juan Castille, Library Specialist II

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution accepting the donation of historic materials, the Pittman Family Photo Collection, relating to Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch from Dr. Thomas Arnold.

Contact: Henry Bankhead, Acting Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O'Keefe/ Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 26-019

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

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 – Tanir Ami, Vice President, Board of Library Trustees

Action: Received.

C. Board of Library Trustees Recruitment Update Report (Oral Report) – Amy Roth, 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 Link Plus courier services and cost.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Trustee O’Keefe/Trustee Roth) to adjourn the meeting in honor and remembrance of Robert Young.

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

Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 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. Tech Roadmap Update (PowerPoint Presentation)
- 2. Tarea Hall Pittman Photo Collection (PowerPoint Presentation)

Communications Received:

Date	Name	Subject
04/15/2026	SEIU 1021 CSU	Petition to the Board of Library Trustees