



# City of Farmers Branch

## Minutes

### Library Board

The Manske Library  
13613 Webb Chapel  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Manske Library

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<b>Presiding:</b>	Kristen Hansen
<b>Present:</b>	Kathy (Lee) Alvoid, Zechariah (Zech) Thompson, John (Paul) Giolma, Stacey Baker, Neil Thomas, Dawn Calzada, Paul Schultz
<b>Absent:</b>	Hayden Gray
<b>City Representatives:</b>	Tracie Kreighbaum, Library Director Robert Diaz, Parks and Recreation Director Tara Bradley, Parks Planner Sue Considine, LS&S

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Hansen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

#### B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Library Board.

#### C. AGENDA ITEMS

##### C.1 Consider approval of minutes for the June 12, 2025 meeting, and take appropriate action.

Zechariah (Zech) Thompson made a motion to approve the June 12, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by John (Paul) Giolma. Motion carried.

##### C.2 Review Trustee Report.

Kathy (Lee) Alvoid provided the Trustee Report. Discussions included:

- Legislative updates reviewed; Senate Bill 13 (school library material review) will take effect Sept. 1.
- Discussion on AI in libraries, addressing bias, staff training, and partnerships.
- Examples of innovative library programs shared from Ann Arbor, Delaware, and other states.

##### C.3 Review City Ordinance No. 3221 (Section 5) and Ordinance No. 3563 (Section 4) pertaining to the Farmers Branch Manske Library Board.

- Ordinance overview for new members.
- Board is advisory to City Council.
- Attendance policy: two absences allowed per term before removal.
- Regular meetings: 2nd Thursday monthly at 6:00 PM (no July or December meetings).

Introduction of new board members:

- Neil Thomas
- Dawn Calzada
- Paul Schultz

**C.4 Review City Ordinance No. 3874 pertaining to Board Member absences.**

Staff reviewed the Ordinance pertaining to Board Member absences.

**C.5 Conduct officer elections; and take appropriate action.**

- John (Paul) Giolma nominates Kristen Hansen as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Zechariah (Zech) Thompson. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Vote was unanimous. Kristen Hansen is reelected Chair.
- Kathy (Lee) Alvoid nominates John (Paul) Giolma as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Paul Shultz. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Vote was unanimous. John (Paul) Giolma is reelected Vice Chair.
- Stacey Baker nominates Zechariah (Zech) Thompson as Secretary. The nomination was seconded by John (Paul) Giolma. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Vote was unanimous. Zechariah (Zech) Thompson is reelected Secretary.
- Trustee (volunteer position): Kathy (Lee) Alvoid will continue term.

**C.6 Receive Patron Feedback.**

Updated feedback was distributed and discussed, including:

- Positive comments on charcoal drawing and creative programs.
- Positive comments on summer youth programs and Children's Librarian Dustin Nordt.
- Requests for more art-related events including Singing classes.

**C.7 Receive Library Director's Report.**

Tracie Kreighbaum provided the report. Discussions included:

- Summer Reading Program exceeded goals: more than 2,800 challenge cards (goal: 1,400).
- 743 reference transactions and 41 programs held in the past month.
- Highlights: Charcoal drawing class, participation in Firehouse 1 event.
- Upcoming: Adult craft supply swap (Aug. 20); story time resumes in September; citizenship classes start on Sept. 6.

**C.8 Discuss agenda items for future Library Board meetings.**

No items discussed at this time.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Stacey Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Zechariah (Zech) Thompson. The motion was carried. The August 14, 2025 meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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Chair

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Staff Liaison