



City of Farmers Branch Minutes Library Advisory Board

Farmers Branch
Manske Library
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, TX
75234

Thursday, June 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Manske Library – Innovation Zone

Presiding: Kristen Hansen

Present: Zechariah (Zech) Thompson, Stacey Baker, John (Paul) Giolma

Absent: Kathy (Lee) Alvoid

City Representative: Ryann Dekat (Assistant Library Director),
Jawaria Tareen (Deputy City Manager)
Tara Bradley (Parks and Recreation)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Hansen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

C. AGENDA ITEMS

25-401 Consider approval of minutes for May 8, 2025, and take appropriate action.

John (Paul) Giolma made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Stacey Baker. Motion carried.

25-404 Receive Trustee Report.

Kristen Hansen provided the Trustee Report in the absence of Kathy (Lee) Alvoid. Discussions included:

- Highlights from the 2024 ALA State of America's Libraries Report, especially trends in AI literacy and library staff training.
- Updates on state legislation affecting libraries, including:
 - A recessed bill prohibiting minors' access to explicit content in public libraries;
 - A recessed bill regarding financial support of the ALA;
 - A Senate bill requiring school library advisory councils, passed and awaiting the Governor's action.

25-402 Discuss and review new procedures for Library Advisory Board meeting minutes.

Ryann Dekat, Assistant Library Director, addressed to board and updated them on new procedures:

- Staff liaison will prepare the official board minutes going forward. Board secretaries may still take notes, but they will be supplemental.

25-432 Discuss and review the City's ordinances pertaining to board member absences.

Ryann Dekat addressed to board and reviewed Ordinance 3874:

- Board members who miss more than 25% of regular meetings in any 12-month term (defined from the start of their term) are considered to have resigned. The library holds 10 meetings per year; 3 absences constitute a violation.

25-405 Receive Patron Feedback.

Updated feedback was distributed and discussed, including:

- Suggestions to add bullet journaling kit;
- Concerns about long wait times for eBooks;
- Staff provided clarification on consortium participation, Advantage titles, and access options such as Hoopla and other local library cards.

25-405 Receive an update from Board Members on programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

No additional updates or event attendance reported.

25-406 Receive Library Director's Report.

Ryann Dekat provided the Report. Discussions included:

- Summer Reading Program and upcoming programs;
- 150+ library programs planned for June and July;
- New Library Director, Tracie Kreighbaum, starts June 16;
- Announcement of July 10 Parks & Rec Proclamation Event and NRPA pop-up volunteer opportunities.

25-352 Discuss Agenda items for future Library Board Meetings.

- Planning for the US. 250th Anniversary in 2026;
- Onboarding and materials for new members is August (e.g. bylaws, name tags);
- Review of board bylaws and election of officers scheduled for August;
- Upcoming meetings confirmed for August 14, 2025 and September 11, 2025.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Stacey Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Zecharia (Zech) Thompson. The motion carried. The June 12, 2025 meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Note: A full video of the meeting is available on the YouTube FBTV channel.

Chair

Staff Liaison