

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones, Ms. Linda Mackey, and Mr. James Tucker. Library staff present were Vikki Cervantes – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary. For the record, Mr. James Tucker arrived at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Carrissa Adams, Deputy County Counsel for Kings County, and Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator with Senator Hurtado’s office, were present at the meeting.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Personnel Update – Vikki Cervantes updated the group on the current Library Assistant I recruitment for Sallie Barba and Amanda Flores’ vacant positions. Interviews will be held sometime in February.

California State Association of Counties – Institute for Excellence in County Government Program -

Vikki announced that she will be attending the program once a month with other county employees, starting Friday, January 17, 2025.

Programs and Highlights – The Virtual Winter Reading Program kicked off on December 21st and continues until January 31st. So far 19 people have finished, and there are 63 new sign-ups.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Discuss vacancy of one County at large advisory board position – Vikki will contact Catherine for further information as to filling this vacancy.

Discuss reorganization of Chairperson – Wilma Humason is Chairperson until August 2025 and would like to find a replacement.

Continue the review and approval of the Library Behavior Policy (Draft) – The Advisory Members had completed their review of the draft policy and agreed with the contents therein. The Policy was approved and seconded. Vikki will move forward on the next step.

Continue the discussion of 2025 Meeting Schedule and locations – The members approved the final schedule, and Vikki provided a copy to the group.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Vikki shared that we attended County budget training for FY 25-26. Alicia shared that the State has no money and will not be accepting any budget requests. The State is unsure of funding under the new administration.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma shared that the Friends has received several donations in the recent months. Shae also shared that the Friends are down to 5 members and need to start recruiting to fill seats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Alicia Jacobo commented that the last book sale went well, and the volunteers did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday February 20, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:21 p.m.