

MINUTES

KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY

HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. The members present were Mr. Tucker, Mrs. Linda Mackey and Mrs. Alicia Jacobo. Library staff were Tanya Russell, Library Director and Joyce Bailey, Executive Secretary. Absent was Ms. Margaret Lirones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

There were no members of the public present.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Tanya introduced the new Executive Secretary at the Library, Joyce Bailey.

Update on staffing – Tanya Russell reported that the Library Manager recruitment is closing today and spoke about the responsibilities of the Library Manager. The Library Assistant – Avenal recruitment is closing next week.

Update on Building Forward – The Board of Supervisors approved the closure of the Hanford Library branch from September 15, 2025 through October 6, 2025. A contractor was chosen in July and will be announced next Tuesday after the Board of Supervisors approval. There is a construction engineering firm to oversee things that are covered or not covered by the grant. Information will be posted to the public about the closure of the Hanford and Lemoore branches.

The mobile library, Kimbl will have 2 stops regularly in Lemoore. It will be parked overnight at the Kings County Sheriff's Office

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS:

The Library Advisory Board did not have any items on the agenda to discuss.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Tanya reported that the Library Budget for 2025/2026 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 8/28/2025.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma reported that FOL met on 8/14/2025 at the Vineyard. The next FOL meeting is scheduled on 9/11/2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Mackey asked what the procedure is about filling an upcoming vacancy on the Advisory Board should she resign. Wilma asked if we can be given a tour of the remodeled Human Services/Behavioral Health building at the Government Center.

ADJOURNEMENT

The next Library Advisory Board Meeting will be held at the Kings County Government Center, Human Services Agency on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 3:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 by Wilma Humason.