

**MEETING MINUTES  
TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY BOARD  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2025  
6:30 P.M.**

**Traphene Hickman Library Board Members Present:**

George Bellomusto, Christine Benson, Lee Ruth Bryant, Dr. Deborah Cawthon, Elaine Cook, Cheryl Gee, Nedin Glover, Edith Gracia, Rebeca Guevara, Alzena McGrew, Jacquelyn Moore, Mary Sadousky, and Edgar Williams.

**Traphene Hickman Library Board Members Absent:**

Joyce Kinney, Jenny Martinez, Darien Shelton

**City Staff Present:**

Aranda Bell, Traphene Hickman Library Director, and Library Admin Secretary, Anna Lee.

**Others present:**

Friends President, Beverly Powell.

**I. Call the Meeting to Order:**

Library President, Mary Sadousky, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Citizen Forum:**

No Citizen Forum

**III. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting:**

Several members of the Board noted multiple misspelled names in the November Meeting Minutes. Jacquelyn Moore made the motion to approve the minutes at this time with a corrected copy of the minutes to be submitted at the next meeting. Elaine Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**IV. Receive Update on Premier Library, Signature Park, and Trail:**

-Library Director, Aranda Bell, began by expressing her gratitude for the Board's participation in the first Martin Luther King Community Celebration and Peace March at the new library location. Nine members attended and she thanked the Board for their willingness to support the library and community.



- Ms. Bell passed out turquoise lanyards with the Traphene Hickman library logo and announced the Library would like to create official name badges for all Board members to wear at future events to increase visibility and foster community.
- Ms. Bell announced Correne Constantino has been promoted to the newly created position of Library Assistant Director. She emphasized Ms. Constantino's ability over the last six and a half years to utilize her identified strengths which were instrumental in the library's transition to the new facility and enhancing customer service.
- Ms. Bell extended an offer to all Board members to take the Gallup Strength Assessment and explore how this information could help build upon the Board's current capabilities. Copies of the book and a code for the assessment will be available at the next meeting.
- Ms. Bell noted there are still some outstanding construction items pertaining to event space door operation and overall HVAC concerns. The goal to obtain a Silver LEED Certification is still on target.
- Since registration for the State of the City event on February 27<sup>th</sup> is closed, Ms. Bell will work on getting tickets for those Board members who are still interested in attending.

#### **V. Advisory Board Topics**

Due to repeated scheduling conflicts in 2024 with City Events and Holidays, Mary Sadousky moved the Board Meeting Day be changed from the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month beginning March 6, 2025. Edgar Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

In addition, Mary Sadousky made the motion to skip the February Board meeting since the newly approved rotation would result in back-to-back meetings for the months of February and March. Elaine Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **VI. Friends Report:**

- Friends President, Beverly Powell, presented the 2024 Financial Funding Review. The Friends raised a total of \$30,873.61. \$11,000 went towards the Library Grand Opening, \$3,000 was given to support the Youth Story Tellers Program, \$5,000 was provided for laptops, and another \$5,000 for the Maker Space. Definite fund-raising goals for 2025 are being finalized.
- Ms. Powell noted they are changing the Friends Meeting time from 6:30pm to 7:00pm and will begin offering a Zoomlink option for those who are unable to attend in person.



- Ms. Powell announced the Secretary position has been filled by Emelda Martin. They are still looking for someone to fill the VP position. Officer elections will take place in September.
- Ms. Powell highlighted upcoming events including the Cedar Hill Block Party in March and a future Poetry/Library shared event.

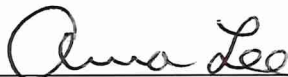
**VII. Adjourn:**

Mary Sadousky adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Mary Sadousky, Traphene Hickman Library President:

Signature:  Date: 3-6 2025

Anna Lee, Traphene Hickman Library Board Liaison

Signature:  Date: 3-6 2025





Board Member	Term Expiry	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Bellomusto, George	2025	P	A	-	-	A	-	P	-				
Benson, Christine	2026	A	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Cawthon, Dr. Deborah	2026	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Cook, Elaine	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Gee, Cheryl (EO)	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Glover, Nedin (EO)	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Gracia, Edith (EO)	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Guevara, Rebeca	2026	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Kinney, Joyce	2026	A	A	-	-	P	-	A	-				
Martinez, Jenny	2025	A	P	-	-	P	-	A	-				
Alzena McGrew (EO)	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Moore, Jacquelyn	2026	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Sadousky, Mary	2025	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	-				
Shelton, Darien (EO)	2025	P	A	-	-	P	-	A	-				
Williams, Edgar (EO)	2026	P	A	-	-	P	-	P	-				