

**MEETING MINUTES
TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

Traphene Hickman Library Board Members Present:

Christine Benson, Lee Ruth Bryant, Dr. Deborah Cawthon, Elaine Cook, Cheryl Gee, Nedin Glover, Edith Gracia, Rebeca Guevara, Joyce Kinney, Jacquelyn Moore, Mary Sadousky, Darien Shelton and Edgar Williams.

Traphene Hickman Library Board Members Absent:

George Bellomusto, Jenny Martinez, and Alzena McGrew.

City Staff Present:

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

Others present:

Olivia Loud, Cedar Hill Resident.

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

Library President, Mary Sadousky, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Citizen Forum:

No Citizen Forum.

III. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting:

Christine Benson made the motion to approve minutes from the May 1st meeting. Darien Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Operations Update:

-Library Director, Aranda Bell, passed out copies of the PGAL Booklet showcasing the THL building. PGAL was the Lead Architect for the Library project, and these books were distributed at the Texas Library Association Conference.



- Ms. Bell shared the 2025 Summer Reading Kickoff is set for Saturday, June 7th. This year's theme is "Color Our World". The event will include tote bag/t-shirt giveaways for the first 250 patrons along with the Fletchers Corny Dog Food Truck, an appearance by Peppa Pig, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, a Friends of the Library information table, and crafts for all ages.
- Ms. Bell announced three new Seasonal Staff Members: Jessai Flores, Andrea Brazeale, and DeAeshea Anderson. Briteny Orina has also been hired as the PT Youth Services Assistant.
- Ms. Bell reviewed library operation statistics for the month of April 2025 highlighting continued increases as we move into the summer months. The Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) is currently booked every weekend through November.
- Ms. Bell thanked the Board for taking the Strengths Finder survey. Results will be shared at an upcoming meeting.
- Ms. Bell gave a construction update noting barndors have been installed in the MPR and HVAC sensors have been relocated to better monitor airflow and temperature. The direction arrows in the Drive Thru Book Drop-off still need to be corrected. She noted there are less than 15 items left on the construction "punch" list.
- Ms. Bell announced signage for the LEED Silver Certification is coming and a formal celebration will take place later this year.
- Ms. Bell thanked the Board for continuing to spread the word about all the summer activities available for all ages. She also recommended using Google Reviews to help increase our internet visibility.
- Ms. Bell suggested the July 3rd Board Meeting be cancelled due to the July 4th holiday and travel schedules. Jacquelyn Moore moved to skip the July meeting and resume on August 7th. Elaine Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

V. Advisory Board Topics:

Elaine Cook informed the Board they are in discussion with Dennis and Emily Brock about how best to memorialize their son, David. The family has expressed gratitude about how welcoming the library was to David and thankful for the all the opportunities he had participating in the many programs.




VII. Friends Report:

-Friends President, Beverly Powell, reported the new software training has been completed, and they are ready to participate in the Summer Reading Kickoff. In addition, she stated they are currently exploring grant writing and other fundraising opportunities to ensure they can take advantage of all available funding opportunities.

Adjourn:

Mary Sadousky adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Mary Sadousky, Traphene Hickman Library President:

Signature:  Date: 8-7 2025

Anna Lee, Traphene Hickman Library Board Liaison

Signature:  Date: 8-7 2025



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