

BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex – May 29, 2025
232 West Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Library Board President Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – M. Coleman, C. Carr, M. Lillard-Geiser, S. Aguilar-Martinez, K. Van Valkenburg
ABSENT – B. Mahoney, L. Dickinson
GUESTS – B. Kealy

REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA – Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: (Coleman/Aguilar-Martinez) to approve the Minutes. (4-0-1)

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director started the meeting reading an announcement from the California State Library about the uncertainty of future funds. She noted four programs used by our Library that could be affected. However, funding for Lunch at the Library and the California Library Services Act (used by our Literacy programs) have not been cut.

Ms. Valkenburg is seeking new Audit and IT services, and comparing prices of other Cleaning companies.

General Ledger Report – Noted expenses were payments to Alliant for the Builder's Risk insurance policy and the City of Beaumont for the grading permit fee.

Activity Summary Report – The Library's monthly March and April reports were reviewed. Circulation, program attendance, public computer use, and e-materials have increased or are back to what they were a year ago despite shorter hours. In addition, California State Library's Annual Report was released, showing various comparisons of all California libraries for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Library's "physical item" circulation surpassed many California libraries, most of them in larger populated areas.

The Summer Reading Club schedule has been announced. Patrons can pick up the booklet or go online to see what's ahead. All programs will be offsite this summer.

Three Library Board members, three Library staff and four Friends of the Library Board members attended "Serving with a Purpose" conference on May 15 featuring two authors speaking of their work and learned library-related news in the current political climate.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

A Zip Book grant application has been submitted requesting \$ 8,000.

A Literacy grant is in the process of submission, already pre-approved for \$50,841.

The final ARPA grant reimbursement has been submitted for \$850,000 which will be refunded into the CLASS ACO account.

The construction grading permit has been approved and ready to begin. Building and Safety permits have been approved and additional permits are in the process of approval.

B. STEVEN BROWN PRESENTATION

Mr. Brown's presentation highlighted a color palette that was inspired from the San Geronio Pass area. Several logo designs were previewed, tying the history of both the local area and the Library's, even fonts that were used during its construction. Board members helped Steve understand the direction they envisioned. Board member, Ms. Carr, offered to collaborate with Mr. Brown on the timeline mural showcasing the Library's opening in 1914 to its current role as a vital community resource.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(3):
One potential case related to California Public Records Act

MOTION: (Coleman/Carr) to go into closed session at 7:05 p.m. (4-0-1)

The Library Board returned to open session at 7:32 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY25 3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL & FY26 BUDGET 2nd REVIEW

Interest earned for FY24 and FY25 so far is \$700,000.

Small increases were made to the proposed FY26 budget for administration salaries, the addition of dental and vision benefits to full-time staff, increased materials expense to purchase more hotspots and a new updated website specifically for special districts.

There was discussion about whether to adopt the proposed FY26 budget at this meeting or at the June 19 Board meeting or to schedule another time slot. The decision was made to meet on June 12 for both the regular Board meeting and the third reading of the FY26 budget.

B. WESTERN AUDIOVISUAL PROPOSAL

Board members reviewed the proposed cost breakdown for the equipment, installation and training of staff on all the presentation systems, PA and digital signage for the Library's new lobby, community and conference rooms.

Motion: (Carr/Coleman) to approve purchase of the proposed A/V equipment, installation and training from Western Audio Visual & Security for a total of \$63,014. (4-0-1).

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED:



DATE:

