

BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex – January 29, 2026
232 West Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA. 92223

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. Garcia, S. Aguilar-Martinez, S. Mitchell, K. Van Valkenburg, L. Dickinson
GUESTS – D. Roppelt, 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: (Carr/Aguilar-Martinez) to approve the Minutes as amended. (5-0-0)

2. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Friends of the Library Board President announced that they added 12 more members. In total there are 130 FOL members. They gave a total of \$1,760 to the Library's Teen Manga Club, Kids Book Club, and the Literacy Celebration, and paid their storage unit up to August 2026. The Friends are requesting a \$5,000 grant from Morongo to support the Back-to-School giveaway, the Baby Playtime program and Fall reading events. The annual Spring book sale will not be held this year due to logistics. They are looking forward to filling up their upcoming bookstore. The Friends are hoping to share a table with Library staff at the Serving With A Purpose conference.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director announced that the Library received a \$10,000 check from the Carnegie Corporation. She and the Director Emeritus felt the funds should go towards the donor wall project, which the graphic designer is working on.

The Library Board was notified that their photos and quotes will be on social media for the Library Lovers Month campaign in February. A new phone system with a phone tree to answer common questions was purchased for the new building.

The Every Story Counts Survey from the State Library was the focus during the week of January 25-31. Staff made an extensive effort to reach out to the community to complete a short survey about why they visit the library and what is important to them. Board members were asked to take the survey. Board member Aguilar-Martinez offered to take some flyers to her place of work which was greatly appreciated.

A. General Ledger Report – Of note were payments to subcontractors and to the CPA for assistance with the annual audit. Board member Mitchell inquired if legal

fees were monthly. The Director answered that the final payment for legal services had been made, most of which will be reimbursed.

- B. Activity Summary Report** – the Director commented that checkouts, renewals, new library cards, and program attendance numbers are nearly the same as December 2024. Hoopla usage has more than doubled and E-materials continue to increase.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Before his presentation Mr. Dickinson updated the Board on some California legislation updates. The Special District Fairness Act will put special districts at the same level as cities and counties when it comes to federal funding. There have been changes to the Brown Act which the Director can share having watched a webinar on the subject. AB 810, which would require special districts to have “.gov” website addresses has stalled in the Assembly.

The Director Emeritus gave the Board a presentation on progress with the expansion/renovation project, that included photos from the construction-themed storytime. Children attending were given hard hats to tour the inside of the construction zone. The craft that day was making a tool belt. Other highlights were the installation of the building pad vapor barrier; pouring of the concrete slab, including the bookmobile garage floor; and the beginning of the exterior framing. He reported that the sidewalk on the north side has been closed off to make the new driveway. The current sewer system is deemed to be good, but a sewer pump with a grinder and easy access manhole cover will be installed and connected to service the new addition.

The Director outlined all the work and expense involved for the physical move upon completion of Phase I in order to prepare for Phase II.

MOTION: (Mitchell/Aguilar-Martinez) to approve the quote to Best Quality Movers for the moving expense not to exceed \$38,000. (5-0-0)

B. JAQ/LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONAL EXPANSION PLAN TIMELINE

Per the Board's request, the Director created a detailed timeline for all new organizational plans that the Board can access on the Board of Trustees OneDrive.

C. LIBRARY LOGO UPDATE

More samples were shown based on the Board's comments in the previous month.

D. DIRECTOR GOALS PROGRESS REPORT

The Director compiled a Goals report indicating what she has completed or has upcoming. Next fiscal year's Goals report will take effect July 1, 2026. The Director asked the Board to consider other items that should be added to that report.

Board President Coleman inquired as to any policy manual updates, if the Staff Appreciation Breakfast is to be an annual event, and how long the Library closures would be. The Director indicated that the policy manual is always under

revision but will receive regular updates annually, the staff breakfast coincides with National Library Week, and Library closures are to be all of June and possibly part of July for Phase II, and upon project completion during the month of December in anticipation of the grand opening in January 2027. Coleman also asked about summer programs. Though there will be no 2026 Summer Reading Program, the Library is still partnering with the Wildlands Conservancy in Oak Glen, the City's Storytime in the Park and Beaumont Nights on Thursdays during the Summer.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2nd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Dickinson presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Property tax income was 8.2% higher so far in FY26 compared to FY25. Expenses to date were actually \$10,000 less than for the same period last fiscal year.

B. RESOLUTION 107: IMPACT FEES

Although the Board had approved receiving impact fees from the City in 2024, it came to the Director's attention that a Resolution needed to be approved.

MOTION: (Carr/Garcia) to adopt Resolution #107 to accept and deposit impact fees disbursed from the City of Beaumont. (5-0-0)

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A Board tour of the construction site has been set for February 20, 2026.

A new state law, SB 827, has gone into effect for Board Members of special districts to take fiscal and financial training. A virtual class is available March 4, 2026, but trustees have two years to complete the class.

The annual Serving with a Purpose conference in Ontario will take place on May 14. Some of the Friends of the Library Board members will be attending. Author Steven Rowley will be one of the speakers.

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary Club will be hosting a Casino Night fundraiser on March 6, 2026. The funds will go towards scholarships.

The Citizen of the Year dinner will be March 26, 2026. Since some of the Board Members will be attending that event, the Director asked that the March Board meeting be moved to March 24, 2026. All present agreed to the change.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

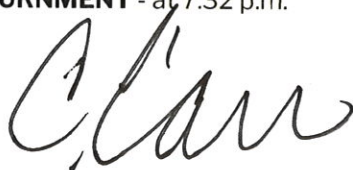
Board Member Carr requested a copy of the Director Emeritus' PowerPoint construction presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



Feb. 26, 2026
DATE: 