

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones and Ms. Linda Mackey. Board member Mr. James Tucker was excused. Library staff present Vikki Cervantes – Library Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Gisselle Coyt, Kings County Administrative Analyst and Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator for Senator Melissa Hurtado were also present.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Hanford and Lemoore Renovation Projects – Vikki gave a brief report on the status of the plans. She also shared that staff is actively working on locating facility to use as a temporary library for Hanford.

Library Assistant I Recruitment – Vikki provided an update on the recruitment status for two vacant Library Assistant I positions.

California State Association of Counties- Institute for Excellence in County Government Program-

Vikki provided an update on her participation with the 2025 Institute for Excellence co-hort. Sessions are held once a month in Clovis. The program will end in October.

Programs and Highlights – Vikki shared program stats for the Cup of Joe, Movie Time, Book Club, and two specialty classes Writing Westerns and Comedic Acting.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Update on Library Advisory Board Vacancy- Vikki shared that the recruitment for the board vacancy was extended to Monday, February 24.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Vikki shared that the Library Budget for FY25-26 would be submitted on Friday, February 21.

Vikki shared that she requested a letter of support from US Congressman Valadao’s office for continued funding to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma shared that the FOL would be going to visit Corcoran on Friday, February 21. She also shared that the FOL would only be meeting every other month and that their next in person meeting will be Thursday, March 13 at 10:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Vikki confirmed a quorum for the March 20th meeting with Ms. Lirones, Ms. Mackey, and Chair Humason.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 3:30pm. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:27 p.m.