



MINUTES

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Assembly Room at 125 W. Vine Street on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Present: Bill Hatfield, President; Rosa Gomez, Vice President; Marty Davis, Treasurer; Bill Hardy, Secretary; and Kate Pretorius, Trustee

Also Present: Paul Barich, City Council Liaison; Dennis Bell, General Public; Char Burgess, RHMA President; Phil Doolittle, RHMA Member; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist / Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Les Kong, FOL President; Don McCue, Library Director; Tim Rochford, RHMA Vice President and Nelda Stuck, RHMA Member

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Damon Whelchel and Howard Yu with TIAA Kaspick joined the meeting via Zoom to give a presentation on the Library's Endowment and Capital Fund investment portfolio.

Public Comment

There being no public comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting.

Minutes

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the June 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Marty Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

Expenditures

Marty Davis moved to approve the June 2026 expenditures. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Discards

Kate Pretorius moved to approve the June 2026 Discards. The motion was seconded by Rosa Gomez and passed unanimously, 5-0.

Reports

General Friends of the Library Update, presented by Les Kong, President:

- At the last board meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the annual priorities and is ongoing;
- A fundraiser with Panera Bread is taking place at the end of July where 25% of the proceeds will go to the Friends with a flyer to be posted in the library for patrons to take advantage of this.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, presented by Char Burgess, President:

- The various staffing and funding agreements will take place at the September city council meeting, instead of July 21;
- Save the Dates have gone out for the October 17 Thank You party for building donation donors.

Library Director's Report

General Library Update, Presented by Don McCue, Library Director:

- At the MOR Store, construction on the ramp started and is expected to be completed in 3 weeks;
- The memorial service last week for the former RHMA member Breitzkreuz went well;
- There are broken sprinklers throughout the landscaping at the MOR, with the city and Brightview to repair;
- Mike's Custom Flooring sent a change order to include replacing the "base board tiles" to match the new flooring selected;
- The doors leading out to the Children's Garden have been repaired and work well;
- The replacement of the exterior main doors at the Contemporary Club is still pending;
- The installation of baby changing stations at the Contemporary Club is also still pending as there is currently no city funding allocated;
- There is a vacancy for a PT Library Clerk in Adult Services, with interviews from the eligibility list taking place in the next two weeks;
- Programming includes the continuation of the Summer Reading Program for both youth and adults, Smiley LIVE!, the WLMA is hosting Jon Meacham in September as part of a two-day symposium,

8/29 – 9/15. AKSPL will be hosting a traveling American Revolution Experience in the Assembly Room in collaboration with the Daughters of the American Revolution;

- We have collaborated with Shake Shack for our patrons to show their library card through 12/31/206 to receive 10% off their order.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding the Agreement for use of Museum of Redlands Campus by RHMA

- Rosa Gomez moved to approve and the accept the changes on bullet point 6 from 150 people to 200 people in both the first sentence and last sentence to match the city's Licensing Agreement. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Annual Workshop dates

- Jenesie Hardyman will send out a poll to the board to confirm which dates will work for the first two weeks in October.

Unfinished Business

These items were presented in reverse order to accommodate Tim Rochford leaving early.

Discussion and possible action regarding Museum of Redlands.

- Trademark Transfer Agreement is ongoing, no action taken.
- MOR Store and Event Pavilion Staffing Agreement (scope of work) is ongoing, no action taken. Possibly to be discussed at the July 21 City Council meeting.
- Event Contractor Agreement (scope of work) is ongoing, no action taken. May not be discussed until City Council returns in September.
- Funding Source for MOR Store and Event Pavilion Staff and Event Contractor Agreements is ongoing, no action taken. Possibly to be discussed at the July 21 City Council meeting.
- Grand Opening (target date of 10/24/2026) needs to be discussed with the newly formed subcommittee of Rosa Gomez and Kate Pretorius. It was mentioned that Evan Sanford and Nelda Stuck would be good candidates to assist with marketing of grand opening.

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026/2027 fiscal year Endowment Budget

- After review and brief discussion of the draft budget, Bill Hardy moved to approve the 2026/2027 fiscal year Endowment Budget. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Announcements, Reports on Activities and/or Request for Future Agenda Items

- Bill Hatfield met with Char Burgess and Tim Rochford last week to discuss the MOR Store and MOR Event Pavilion. He also wanted to reiterate Don McCue's accomplishment of 40 years of working with the City of Redlands and Smiley Library. A celebration for his anniversary took place on Friday, June, 2026.
- Rosa Gomez had to leave at 6:07pm.
- Marty Davis had to leave at 5:45pm.
- Bill Hardy had no comment.
- Kate Pretorius gave an update on the Beverly Cox and Richard Cox estates. Smiley Library is estimated to receive \$122,000 and \$405,000 respectively. When the disbursement is sent, the board will need to request an agenda item for allocation and deposit.
- It was suggested that the August 11 meeting be held at the MOR Event Pavilion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

William Hardy, Secretary