



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, September 24, 2026

1. Call to Order – President Stephen Jones called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M. Library Advisory Board (LAB) Members present: President Stephen Jones, Secretary Erin Wahl, Members Jessica Streeter (through Teams), Randi Himelgrin (through Teams), Denali Wilson, and Nancy Claypool. Members absent: Vice-President Jason Ferguson. Also, in attendance: Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director; and Dan Carrillo, Administrative Assistant.

a. Secretary Erin Wahl, read the *Land Acknowledgement Statement*.

b. Acceptance of Agenda – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve agenda; Member Denali Wilson voiced a motion to approve; Secretary Erin Wahl seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

2. Review and Approval of August 27, 2026, Minutes – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve as amended; Member Jessica Streeter voiced a motion to approve; Member Randi Himelgrin seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

3. Library Deputy Directors Report – Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director, presented the following:

a. Library Statistics

i. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. We currently have 59,600 Library Card Users with 309 new signups for this month. This has shown a continuing upward trend since last fiscal year.

b. Library Budget Update

i. The State Library GO Bond will be presented to City Council in October 2026. We are planning to use the majority of the funding for furniture. I am

1 focusing on items we can use now, like children's furniture. Some of the
2 funding will also be used for digital materials.

- 3 ii. The relocation of the public computers has been very successful. The
4 computers and printing are much more visible to patrons, and easier for
5 staff to monitor. We are still working to get credit card payments for both
6 public printing and the public copier. For the new budget year, the City
7 encouraged us to use the funds from the public copiers and printing for our
8 paper supply. In August, we made \$1280.40. Our current total for FY2027
9 is \$2610.70, a \$300 increase from last fiscal year.

10 c. Personnel Update

- 11 i. Library Assistant II (Youth Services): Brenda Cummings has submitted her
12 resignation for mid-November 2026. Brenda will be relocating to the Pacific
13 Northwest.
14 ii. Library Assistant II: Shaunna Foster will be retiring in December 2026.
15 Shaunna has been with the City for over 20 years. We are really going to
16 miss both her and Brenda.

17 d. Library Programs, Events, and Other Information

- 18 i. Rebecca Slaughter, Quality of Life Assistant Director, came across an
19 interesting site that she shared. For the People, is a library project that
20 promotes library usage across the country. For this project, the authors
21 compared how 15 library systems are funded. In addition to large libraries,
22 such as Boston and Chicago, Las Cruces Public Libraries was also
23 featured. Sadly, we had one of the lowest City spending of the libraries
24 featured. This is attachment 1.

25 e. Library Renovation and Expansion

- 26 i. The education/information campaign for the upcoming GO Bond is in full
27 swing. Both Lynda and I have been making presentations to various groups

1 across the City. Overall, there has been a lot of support for this project.

2 ii. Huge thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring yard signs and
3 billboards for this project. The three digital billboards will be displayed
4 during October 2026.

5 iii. I have a tentative quote for the Library move from a company based in
6 Albuquerque. I am also working with another company based in Chicago.
7 These funds are budgeted for the overall project.

8 f. Acceptance of Library Director's Report – President Stephen Jones called for a
9 motion to approve report; Secretary Erin Wahl voiced a motion to approve;
10 Member Nancy Claypool seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

11 4. Announcements/Other Information – None noted.

12 5. Public Participation

13 a. Lynda St. Clair, Friends of TBML President.

14 6. Adjournment – President Stephen Jones entertained a motion to adjourn meeting; meeting
15 adjourned at approximately 3:41 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
16 October 22, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. in the Staff Conference Room on the 2nd floor of TBML.

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19 **PRESIDENT or VICE-PRESIDENT**