

HALTOM CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

4809 Haltom Road, Haltom City, TX 76117

Board Room

Tuesday June 24, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Haltom City Public Library Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, in the Haltom City Public Library Board Room, 4809 Haltom Road, Haltom City, with the following board members present:

Bette Bronstad, Place 1

Kathryn Gunter, Place 3

Amanda Hughes, Place 4

Bonnie Richards, Place 6

Rexanne Grove, Place 8

Absent:

Clare Juarez, Place 2

Terri Grizzelle, Place 5

Donna Peterson, Place 7

Also Present:

Ollie Anderson, Council Member Place 3

Troy Dunn, City Council Liaison

Erica Gill, Library Services Director

Lani Hahn, Senior Librarian

Yno Losoya, Administrative Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rexanne Grove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS/CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No visitors were present.

## **ITEMS OF ORDER**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Bette Bronstad made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Amanda Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

### **2. City Updates**

Councilmember Dunn introduced Councilmember Anderson. City Council has established a buddy liaison program for councilmembers. Councilmembers will pair up to cover any expected absences so that a councilmember may be present at all board meetings. Councilmembers Dunn and Anderson are paired together, and the library board got a chance to meet our new liaison.

City Council meetings continue to be streamed on Vinmeo as well as Facebook live. There were 27,000 people at the North Park Grand Opening. The library had a booth at the opening.

The intersection at Haltom Rd and Northern Cross will be the site of a 57,000 sq. ft. Pickleball Court. This addition to the Haltom corridor expands on the cultural district from City Hall to the 820 corridor.

### **3. Director's Monthly Report**

Library Services Director, Erica Gill, gave the following report:

#### **Library Closures**

The library will be closed on Friday July 4, 2025, for Independence Day. The library will reopen on Saturday July 5, 2025.

#### **Personnel**

The library hired a new part-time clerk, Ximena Martinez. She started on June 9, 2025.

#### **Public Services**

The new furniture for the public reading area is ready to be delivered. The delivery date is to be determined. Equipment has been ordered for a translator, which will help staff assist patrons that do not speak English.

Staff is currently reorganizing the adult fiction collections to allow more space in growing genres and to make the shelving more accessible.

#### **Programs**

The Summer Reading Club has been very successful so far. Weekly updates were provided.

#### **Legislative Updates**

TLA and TSLAC hosted a webinar on June 10, 2025, covering the 89th Texas Legislative session. The following bills affecting public libraries passed and will become effective on September 1, 2025:

SB412: removes the affirmative defense language from the Texas Penal Code, Section 43.24, Sale, Distribution, or Display of harmful material to minors.

SB20: creates a new criminal offense related to obscene visual material. TLA is consulting with lawyers to determine if this affects manga, anime, and other graphic novels in the library's collection.

All other bills did not advance. TLA is working on a FAQ to assist libraries with how to respond to complaints relating to SB412.

### **TSLAC Update**

TSLAC has received FY2025 (ends August, 31, 2025) funding from IMLS, which covers FY2026. The Texas Legislature did pass contingency funding of \$8.5 million if the IMLS Funds are not received. This contingency funding will allow TSLAC to continue to fund the interlibrary loan program, the databases, and some grants.

### **Grants**

The library was awarded \$2,500 for the Texas Book Festival grant. The grant will be used to purchase new health, medical, and wellness books for the Adult Nonfiction Section.

### **4. Friends on the HCPL Report:**

Tabled until the July 22, 2025 meeting.

### **5. Attendance Requirements**

Bette Bronstad made a motion to excuse the absences of Clare Juarez, Donna Peterson, and Terri Grizzelle. Bonnie Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously. Absences should be reported to the

library director or the administrative secretary in advance to be excused.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion of new items to be placed on future agenda):**

Policy Review items will be looked at on future agendas.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The next Board Meeting will occur on July 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no announcements or correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Rexanne Grove adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Gunter  
Secretary, Haltom City Public Library Board

## **Library Organizations:**

### **TLA: Texas Library Association**

TLA is an independent professional organization supporting libraries throughout Texas with training, support, and advocacy.

### **TSLAC: Texas State Library and Archives Commission.**

TSLAC is a state government agency that serves as the official library and archives of Texas. It also supports libraries throughout Texas by providing services, databases, and grants.

### **IMLS: Institute of Museum and Library Services**

IMLS is an independent agency of the United States federal government for providing grants to libraries and museums.