

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

CONVENE: President Woodford convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director Rebecca Sandoval, Library Manager Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor Kurt Gally, Youth Services Supervisor Ginger Antunez and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice President Carlson led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Boardmember Hernandez, Vice President Carlson and President Woodford. Boardmember Caterino and Boardmember Ramos excused.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: CC-1 and CC-2 were moved by Vice President Carlson and seconded by Boardmember Hernandez. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for February 2026

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Elliott Sherman, a senior at Loyola High School.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The Library Enhancement Project began planning in 2018, estimating the project to cost between one to two million dollars for completion. In 2025, the City Engineer finalized a total construction estimate of \$12 million dollars due to inflation and building maintenance costs. Staff is now focusing on reassessing cost-effective ways to meet library and community needs. The library is in immediate need of a larger storytime room that allows for larger capacity and more flexible spaces since programs and attendance has significantly grown. Other enhancements include extra storage space, additional study rooms and furniture for Library Park. Staff presented the updated Library Enhancement Project plan to City Council on February 3, 2026. City Council directed staff to further explore more options and provide additional analysis. Staff is working on developing a proposal for City Council's consideration that focuses on the design of interior improvements.
- Librarian Annette Simpson will be retiring after 32 years with the City of Monrovia and her last day will be Friday, March 27, 2026.

CC-1

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

- LR-1 President Woodford:** President Woodford has been preparing for Heritage Week in Burbank, California, with the Heritage Society.
- LR-2 Vice President Carlson:** The Foundation funded the library's new microfiche machine and filming equipment. They also participated in the *City's Once City One Story* event on Saturday February 21, 2026.
- LR-3 Boardmember Caterino:** Excused.
- LR-4 Boardmember Hernandez:** Boardmember Hernandez helped with the *One City One Story* event on February 14 at Lucinda Garcia Park.
- LR-5 Boardmember Ramos:** President Woodford presented on Boardmember Ramos' behalf. The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library (FOMPL) discussed adjusting the annual bookmark contest timing in order to support the community-wide, *One City One Story* program. On Saturday, January 24, 2026, the FOMPL hosted a book sale at the *One City One Story* event. The annual FOMPL membership meeting will take place on May 14, 2026. Library funding requests were approved for \$5,000 dollars which included \$1,000 dollars for youth programs, \$1,000 dollars for adult programs, \$900 dollars for the Library of Things collection, and \$2,100 dollars for area new sensory board wall.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.