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## ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 20, 2025

Southglenn Library  
6972 S Vine St  
Centennial, CO

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shaw, Theresa Mehringer, Steve Oliver, Liz Nichols, Katie Schroeder, Sally Daigle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**PUBLIC:** None

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Beth Dauer, Attorney

**STAFF PRESENT:** Oli Sanidas, Executive Director; Marie Greene, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Mahin, Finance, Facilities and Safety Director; Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations; Caroline Heinselman, Director of People Services; Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Kipp Entzel, Manager of Safety; Paula Langsam, Library Manager; Mollie Lancaster, Collection Development Librarian; Becca Graves, Technology Specialist

Katie Schroeder opened the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Katie opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES No. 860:** Theresa Mehringer moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 board meeting, Liz Nichols seconded and the motion passed

**FINANCIALS:** Jennifer Mahin reviewed the financials with the trustees.

Sally Daigle moved to accept the Financials as presented. Liz Nichols seconded, and the motion passed. Approval of the Financials means:

- Acceptance of the Statement of Revenue and Expense
- Acceptance of the Balance Sheet

## **POLICIES:**

### A. Acceptable Use of Library Technology Policy (second reading)

Liz Nichols moved to approve the Acceptable Use of Library Technology Policy as presented. Katie Schroeder seconded and the motion passed.

### B. Authorization of Expenditures Policy (second reading)

Oli reviewed the changes with the board, adding an exception that IGAs with expenditures less than the current Purchase Order threshold will not require board approval. Sally Daigle moved to accept the changes to the Authorization of Expenditures Policy as presented. Liz Nichols seconded, and the motion passed.

### C. Serving People with Disabilities Policy

Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations, explained that the changes to the policy are intended to align with ALA's policy and that references to employees were removed because ALD has separate policies that relate to employees. Liz Nichols moved to accept the changes to the Serving People with Disabilities Policy as presented. Katie Schroeder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:** Katie Schroeder reported that the board is still considering discussions from the board retreat last week. Katie, Theresa and Oli will meet next week to begin making plans and there will be more to report at the board meeting next month.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Oli Sanidas reported that he attended Centennial's State of the City lunch. In her speech, the mayor featured The Space and Café by Arapahoe Libraries that is currently under construction.

Oli also reported that the Freedom to Read Act was signed into law by the governor. All libraries, public as well as school libraries, now have consistent support.

Theresa Mehringer asked about the estimated completion date of The Space and Café by Arapahoe Libraries. Jessica Sidener responded that it is estimated to be completed this fall. Theresa followed up by asking if the certificate of occupancy is expected to be delayed similar to the delays ALD experienced with getting construction permits. Jessica responded that she does not expect any delays with permitting moving forward. She went on to explain that once ALD gets the certificate of occupancy, ALD will have a phased opening to allow the LMS team and the café team, who will be housed in the building, to become familiar with it. The intent is for the building to go through phases of opening.

Oli reported that the IGA between ALD and Arapahoe County is in the process of being revised. ALD is waiting to receive the first draft of the revisions from Arapahoe County's legal team. Oli briefly talked to one of the commissioners at the State of the City Lunch and was assured that the changes will not be significant; they are intended to add more clarity to the agreement.

Liz Nichols asked if there were updates on the Sheridan historian report. Oli responded that the historian has fallen behind on projects due to health issues.

**LEGAL STATUS REPORT:** Attorney Beth Dauer reported that bill SB25-077, with proposed changes to CORA, was vetoed by the governor. She stated that there potentially may be more legislation related to CORA next session.

Beth also reported that the grace period for the property tax bill that passed in 2024 is coming to an end.

Beth just learned about a new bill called "Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status" and will report on its implications at the board meeting next month.

**STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT:** Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, congratulated the Events team for an exceptional event with author Grady Hendrix.

He also highlighted the café team who are currently serving specialty drinks this Spring.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Theresa Mehringer asked which facility gets credited for patrons who check out digital books in the statistics report. Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, responded that digital materials do not get credited to physical branches. Theresa also followed up on a discussion from previous board meetings about adding some additional data information to the board packet. Oli Sanidas responded that ALD will be working with the board on identifying what data should be reported in the board packet. There was also discussion about some potential data points that interest the board, including the change to the cost per square foot for materials when the trend is moving away from physical books and toward digital materials.


Sally Daigle brought up the Hope Booth at the Sheridan branch and noted that the list of resources toward the end of the program is very small and none of the resources listed include those available in the Sheridan community. Anthony White responded that the Community Resource Specialist team is currently

working on updating the resources list and will provide it to the vendor to update the Hope Booth.

Sally Daigle moved to adjourn, Steve Oliver seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Jul 1, 2025

Date Approved

  
Liz Nichols (Jul 1, 2025 11:38 PDT)

Liz Nichols, Secretary






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