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## ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 21, 2026

Koelbel Library  
5955 S Holly St  
Centennial, CO

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Grazier

**PUBLIC:** Tanner Von Rieseemann, Byron Smith

**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; Kim Collie, Director of the Project Management Office; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Lindsay Heinzerling, Associate Director of Library Operations; Mollie Lancaster, Collection Librarian

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

Katie opened the meeting to public comment by reading the Guidelines for Public Introductions and Comment:

Thank you for attending this meeting of the Arapahoe Library District Board of Trustees. We appreciate your interest. It is the policy of the Board to invite audience participation during the public comment portion of the agenda set aside for this purpose.

1. If you wish to speak, please sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet.
2. You may take up to five minutes to make your comments. (This time constraint may be modified by the Board President to be less than five minutes if there are a number of persons wishing to speak.)

3. We will take up to 10 minutes for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. If there are more comments, we will provide additional time at the end of the meeting for an additional 30 minutes.
4. The Trustees will not be able to engage in dialogue with you, but they will make sure that you are contacted at a later time to answer any questions you may have.
5. If you have not already been introduced to the Board, please state your name and address before you begin.
6. We thank you for coming to this meeting and for your interest in the Arapahoe Library District.

Patron Byron Smith introduced himself to the board. He addressed the expansion of the Eloise May Library and concerns from the residents who live adjacent to the Eloise May Library. He said there are 5 or 6 residents who will be impacted by the expansion project. He also mentioned that there are some abandoned vehicles currently in the library parking lot and the Sheriff's department has said they cannot move vehicles that are on private property.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES No. 874:** Bill Shaw suggested a note be added to the minutes about his question regarding the architectural design fees included in the consent agenda. Katie Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes with the revision added. Sally Daigle seconded and the motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of an estimated spend not to exceed \$1,700,000 with vendors to be determined to finish the RADISH warehouse space that was leased for the RAD and IS teams. Includes HVAC engineering and installation to support storage of the bookmobile and Rover; engineering and design of tenant finish of office space for approximately 30 staff (construction to be issued via RFP); safety and security upgrades; IT infrastructure and equipment; and furniture and shelving.
- B. Environmental Designs LLC estimated spending of \$350,000 for landscape maintenance and grounds projects in the district in 2026. This includes adjustments required due to current drought conditions. Environmental Designs is the vendor selected via the RFP previously listed on the Sep 2025 consent agenda.

Liz Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda, Sally Daigle seconded and the motion passed.

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

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

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

**BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Katie Schroeder moved to accept the proposed slate of officers:

Katie Schroeder, President  
Theresa Mehringer, Vice President  
Liz Nichols, Secretary

Liz Nichols seconded and the motion passed.

**POLICIES:**

A. Patron Code of Conduct (second reading)

Oli noted this is a second reading and asked if there were any additional questions from the board about the proposed revisions to the policy. Katie Schroeder moved to accept the revisions to the policy as presented. Liz Nichols seconded and the motion passed.

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:** Katie Schroeder reported that it is National Library Workers Day and the board extended a thank you to the staff.

Katie announced that tonight is Steve Oliver's final board meeting after nine years on the board. Sally Daigle added that the board has learned a lot from Steve and thanked him. Katie added that he led the board through COVID as the board president. Oli Sanidas also thanked Steve for ushering him into his role as Executive Director and thanked him for his leadership through COVID.

Steve Oliver reminisced about his experience at his first board meeting and that he had questioned what he had gotten himself into. He also reminisced about applying for the ALD board and that the past nine years have been a wonderful time for him and he has met wonderful people. He explained that he decided that it was time to allow someone else the opportunity to get involved in the board. He noted that he had voted a couple of years ago to extend the board term limits from three to four terms and he decided at that time that he would not take advantage of the extra term that he voted for. He thanked everyone for accepting him on the board.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Oli Sanidas thanked Steve again for his service and

extended his thanks to Katie Schroeder and Sally Daigle as well as they were on the board when he started as Executive Director.

Oli reported on some data from the newly re-opened building called The Space. Liz Nichols asked if there is a plan to actively market The Space. Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations, responded that the signage on the outside of the building has been very effective and the building has also had good media coverage. She explained that the room reservations have been pretty full already and the plan is to market the Café more. Oli added that a lot of the traffic is walk-in traffic. Sally Daigle said she had attended a volleyball game at the facility next door to The Space and witnessed many people from the volleyball facility walk over to The Space and try to go inside while it was closed.

Oli also reported on some data around average time users wait for active holds.

**LEGAL STATUS REPORT:** Attorney Beth Dauer gave an update about a potential agreement with Summit FC to provide overflow parking for their events in the parking lot of The Space. She reported that Summit FC may already have enough parking, but they are open to talking to ALD about potential future parking needs. Katie Schroeder asked if there is concern about not having enough parking for patrons if the district decides to open The Space on the weekends. Oli Sanidas responded that there may be events when parking is limited, but overall, he is not concerned. He noted that the primary issue with an agreement with Summit FC was their initial desire to charge for parking in the ALD lot, which would not be allowed.

**DATA REPORT:** Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, presented some highlights from the Technology Specialists team. He gave a shout out to the team for their work tracking their data. Patrons have been raving about the help the tech specialists provide. There has been a spike in patron interactions with the tech specialist team this year, much of it because of the need for help using AI. There has also been a sharp increase in usage of the 3D printers.

Anthony also reported on the increase in the usage of the Castlewood Makerspace. The MakerSpace includes equipment that patrons can walk in and use as well as specialized equipment that may require classes to learn to use. The team has created an internship program for library staff to develop and teach classes based on their individual skills and interests.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business was brought before the Board.

Katie Schroeder moved to adjourn, Sally Daigle seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

**05/25/26**

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Date Approved

*Liz Nichols*

Liz Nichols (May 25, 2026 11:25:04 MDT)

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Liz Nichols, Secretary