



MINUTES

April 28, 2026

5:15 p.m.

Hybrid

Approved: May 26, 2026

Call to Order

Chair Amy Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Steve Borst, Jaci Eiquihua, Linda Hart, Douglas Hambley (virtual), Scott Kniefel, Amy Roberts, Jane Sandberg

Staff present: Eric Ikenouye, Library Director; LaRee Dominguez, Library Resources Coordinator; Elise Schuh, Library Administrative Coordinator

Approval of March 24, 2026, Minutes:

5:15 p.m.

MOTION: Board Member Steve Borst moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Jane Sandberg seconded it and it passed (5-0).

Board Member Linda Hart and Douglas Hambley arrive at 5:16 p.m.

Staff update

5:16 p.m.

Library Resources Coordinator LaRee Dominguez provided an update on the ongoing grant application process and recent awards. In response to several questions from the Board, Dominguez shared that grants are currently being explored for the Summer Reading Program, Homebound services, Evergreen updates, and other smaller programs. The Summer Reading Program also has additional funding from other sources.

Two recent grants received include:

- \$1,500 for the Makerspace from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund
- \$2,200 for the Noon Book Club from the Linn County Cultural Coalition

Dominguez also shared results from the Uncorked Fundraiser, hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Library Director Eric Ikenouye provided an update on the strategic planning process, including a community survey, focus group results, and preparation for individual interviews. He also shared several staff updates, including a promotion and an upcoming retirement, as well as the recent installation of the Solar Spectrum Rainbow Art in the entrance by artist Peter Erskine.

In response to a question from Borst about recent Carnegie Foundation funding, Ikenouye stated there are no updates at this time, and that any considerations regarding the funding will be discussed with the Albany Public Library Foundation.

Business from the Commission

5:39 p.m.

Roberts shared an update about the upcoming library foundation sponsored book swap.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,



Elise Schuh
Administrative Services Coordinator

Eric Ikenouye
Library Director

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net*