

**ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2025**

The Abilene Public Library Advisory Board met for a regular meeting on November 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut Street. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Joe Biles, Kristi Brokaw, Karen Turner, Terry Young

Board Members Absent: Vicki House, Katie New, Judith Phaneuf

Also Attending: Julee Hammer, Library Director; Trent Dietz, Assistant City Attorney; Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant II

Media Present: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Kristi Brokaw at 4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- 1. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action on approving the corrected minutes from the meeting held on August 4, 2025.**

Joe Biles moved to approve the corrected minutes from August 4, 2025. Karen Turner seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (4): Board Members Young, Biles, Turner, Brokaw

NAYS (0): None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kristi Brokaw opened the public comment period. With no speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2. Review on-order catalog comments and make a recommendation to the Library Director pending book orders (discussion and possible action).**

Kristi Brokaw reported there were no comments on the pending book orders from the online on-order review catalog, so a review was not needed. Karen Turner made a motion to recommend approval of the pending book orders, which Joe Biles seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried. The Advisory Board's

October 22 to review delivery logistics and FF&E installation. Phase C construction was completed on October 23. Activation of air conditioning in Phase D, which includes the new library construction, is scheduled for November 11. Work on the parking lots is also ongoing.

The project remains on schedule, with substantial completion anticipated on March 13, 2026, and owner move-in scheduled to begin on March 16, 2026. The public grand opening ceremony is scheduled for May 18, 2026.

Ms. Hammer stated that the bulk of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) purchases for the Main Library at Abilene Heritage Square were presented to the City Council, approved, and are in process. City Council allocated \$3 million from the Minor Improvement Fund for this purpose. Staff are also working with Museum Arts. Inc. on the design of the storytime area on the second floor of the new Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next Library Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 555 Walnut St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers.



Kristi Brokaw



Linda Camacho,  
Library Administrative Assistant