# Thornton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
## Thursday, February 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm by Board President L. Kammert.

Roll Call — Present: President L. Kammert, Vice-President A. Roeda, Treasurer A. House, Secretary L. Wise, Trustee P. Markowski and Trustee J. Diekelman

Meeting paused while Trustee Diekelman entered meeting. Meeting resumed at 6:21 pm.

Absent: Trustee L. Jamrock

Also present Lib Director, K. Dejnowski and A. Enright plus 2 guests

Public Comment — None

Approval of Minutes — Meeting chair President Kammert asked if there are any corrections to the minutes. No corrections voiced the chair said "There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes from January 15, 2026 regular board meeting, the minutes stand approved.

Correspondence — None

Treasurer's Report — Treasurer House apologized to the board and said she would prepared next month as this was her first month in this position.

Approval of the Bills: Motioned made to approve the bills as submitted for January 2026 made by Secretary L. Wise and seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. Discussion followed. Keep watching spending for the rest of the fiscal year. It was noted that Real Estate Tax income was deposited. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote: V-President A. Roeda, yes; Treasurer A. House, yes; Secretary L. Wise, yes; Trustee P Markowski, yes; Trustee J. Diekelman, yes; President L. Kammert, yes. Motion carried.

Reports by Committee — None

Board President's Report — President L. Kammert attended a meeting on the tax levy and reported only 3 individuals attended.

Library Director's Report —

- ❖ Approval of 2 Technology Grants, one for Thornton and one for East Hazel Crest received. Both for $2695.65 will be used for new patron computer.
- ❖ PNG Grant of $40,000 received for the Vex (Robotics) Program
- ❖ Computers will not be relocated within the library. Easy to monitor patron use where they are currently located.
- ❖ Trustee training webinars were included in the board packet. Kathy will check to see if she has a personal or institutional membership to determine webinar cost for trustees. ❖ Magna Cum Laude BS Degree from University of Southern Mississippi included in packet ❖ Repayment statement

- ❖ Vacation requests submitted. V-Pres Roeda approved

Adult Services

- ➢ Paint Night will be Friday, February 27th
- ➢ Chair Yoga only had 2 individuals attending on January 21st. Chair yoga will be suspended for March and April
- ➢ Book club met on February 18th and discussed the book <u>The Boys in the Light.</u> Next book is <u>Atmosphere</u> by Taylor Jenkins Reid and will be discussed on March 18th.

Unfinished Business

1. IT — Lib Dir spoke to Ron about our pending purchase of new patron computers and that we can now go ahead. Also received an updated quote on the computers and we will be getting $163.00 off original quote.
2. Strategic Plan — need to form a committee. Work continues
3. Web Accessibility — Work on the website continues for the next couple of months. Diane to meet with Director to go over website and will instruct her on how to keep it updated.
4. IMRF to be discussed in Executive Session
5. Budget — continue to work on it at home and be prepared to discuss/approve at the March Board meeting.
6. Director's University Advanced — Lib Dir K. Dejnowski has been accepted to the course and payment has been taken care of. Item Closed

New Business —

1. Board Vacancy — Board has not received a resignation letter from Trustee L. Jamrock. Secretary Wise will get his new address.
2. Time Clock— multiple examples of time clocks included in packet and board decided on the time clock for $149.99 with input from Lib. Dir. Motion made by V-Pres Roeda and seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. Roll Call vote: V-Pres Roeda, yes; Trustee Markowski, yes, Treasurer House, yes; Trustee Diekelman, yes; Sec Wise, yes; Pres Kammert, yes. Motioned carried. Item Closed
3. Capital Improvement Plan — Lib Dir to learn more about this at the Director's University Advanced. One idea for this plan would be to make front counter ADA Accessible.

Executive Session — Motion made by V-Pres Roeda to exit Regular Session meeting to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss compensation in accordance with ILCS 120/2(2)(1).

Seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. Voice vote: All in favor say aye: 7, all opposed say nay, O. Motion carried.

1. Action — add new cleaning crew to agenda under new business.

V-Pres A. Roeda made the motion to return to regular session at 8:18pm and seconded by Trustee J. Diekelman. No discussion. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, 7; all opposed say nay, 0; motion carried.

Roll call: - Present: President L. Kammert, Vice-President A. Roeda, Treasurer A. House, Secretary L, Wise, Trustee P. Markowski and Trustee J. Diekelman

Absent: Trustee L. Jamrock

Items for next agenda

2. Strategic Plan
3. Web Accessibility
4. IMRF
5. Budget
6. Board Vacancy
7. Capital Improvement Plan

Announcements — V-Pres A. Roeda will not be at the March Board meeting. She will work on the budget and send it in to the board.

Adjournment — Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee P. Markowski to adjourn the Regular Board meeting for February 19, 2026 at 8:24 pm. Seconded by Treas A. House. Voice vote —All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor — 7, opposed - O. Motion carried.

Next Meeting - March 19, 2026 at 6:OO pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary L. Wise 27 Feb 2026