

**Patagonia Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Town Chambers, Patagonia, AZ**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Patagonia Town Council Chambers.
2. In attendance were Board Members Sarah Klingenstein, Ann Danowitz, Susan Lange, and Robin Florez. Also present was Library Director Linda Shore and Town Manager Ron Robinson. Members of the public attending were: Ash Jacobs, Ron Ochoa, Randi Trantham (and Amos), Mandy Montenz.
3. The minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting were reviewed.
MOTION: Susan moved to approve. Robin seconded. Passed by unanimous consent

OLD BUSINESS

4. STATUS UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

- ~ Ron gave a brief overview of the history of the Library Advisory Board (LAB) and its role in reporting to the Town Manager. Until last year, the LAB activities and member recruitment were approved by the Town Council. Then the Town passed a Resolution to dissolve their involvement with the Advisory Board, and the Board was changed to be an advisory group to the Town Manager.
- ~ New volunteers for LAB must send a letter of interest (with a little biography) to Ron
- ~ All volunteers for the Town must sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct form
- ~ Ron has final decision on acceptance of applications

5. STATUS UPDATE ON LIBRARY POLICIES

Library Policies were established in 1982 with some edits done over the years. A recent review indicates a need to separate operational procedures from Library policies in the current version. Also, a new section must be added with regards to handling situations when a patron challenges any books or material in the library collection. A committee of three board members volunteered to write a draft update and present it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR UPDATE

- ~ Linda explained how she came into the Director position after the newly hired librarian quit after about a month. She oversees the staff, budgets, and completes various reports and resolves issues that may occur at the library. She believes that the Director position is only needed on a part-time basis to complete the necessary duties. She sees the biggest challenges facing the library as the role the Library will play in the community and who will be staffing it. As library staff ages, or staff attrition occurs, what will the library look like in 5-10 years from now? Recruitment plans should be started now.
- ~ Ron added some additional information. The library funding comes from the Town, the County and Friends of the Library. The County has proposed an idea to Ron to manage the three county libraries which are in Sonoita, Rio Rico and Tubac. Ron's thought is to appoint a regional library director over those three libraries. Ron emphasized this is just an idea, this needs to be reviewed.
- ~ Sarah added that with more programs offered at the library, this will help it be more engaged with the community.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEMBER COMMENTS

7. Review library impact on the community. This discussion will be started after the library policies have been reviewed.
8. Change to time / day for LAB meetings. Decision will be made after potential volunteers join.
9. Library Garden. Susan indicates it's been composted for the winter, good weather brought many weeds, and we will wait for Spring before doing anything more to the garden.

THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING IS March 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall Chambers.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

MOTION: Susan moved to adjourn. Robin seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

Minutes submitted by Robin Florez