Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe Public Library Board
September 15, 2026 at 5:45 PM
Southside Library,
6599 Jaguar Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87507
MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Meghan McGarrity at 5:46 PM, on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Café Room at Southside Branch Library, Santa Fe, NM/

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT
William Karnoscak
Meghan McGarrity
Adele Oliveria
Tamina Painter
Kate Goddard

MEMBERS EXCUSED
Mark Lupinetti
Nicholas Taylor

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING
Georgia McKee, Executive Director, Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library
Margaret Neill, Library Division Director and Clerk, Santa Fe Public Library

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Member Karnoscak, seconded by Member Painter, to Approve.

VOTE The motion on passed a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

   a. Approval of August 18, 2026 Minutes

Member Karnoscak had two items to be corrected. The number of new Friends of the Library Board Members was 4, not 3, and Member Karnoscak wanted to clarify that the accounting firm hired by the Friends of the Library was not performing a full audit, rather, it was for a general review.

MOTION A motion was made by Member Painter, seconded by Member Goddard, to Approve as Amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Director's Report

    a. Margaret Neill, Library Division Director, mmneill@santafenm.gov

Director Neill reported on a program at La Farge, 'Stumbling Through Shakespeare', which had 25 people sign up to read 'Richard III', a much higher number for a program that normally draws 5–8 regular participants. The Library had to purchase more copies of the play for the program.

Director Neill reported that the agreement between the City of Santa Fe and the New Mexico State Library for the disbursement of the 2024 General Obligation Bond funds for public libraries has been signed and returned to the State Library. Director Neill stated that the actual date for the disbursement hasn't been set yet, but it will be later this year. It was also reported that the funding for the four new part-time positions for Sunday hours at Southside was approved by the Governing Body and the process for posting and advertising the positions has begun. Discussion of bond funding and plans for Sunday hours.

Director Neill updated the board on the status of some facilities projects, including the closure of staff restrooms at Main which started in July and has not yet been resolved, discussion of landscaping contract for all 3 facilities and the work being done. Discussion of repairs being done at La Farge Library. Director Neill also added that Fogelson Library will now be added to the facilities reports provided to the board. Discussion of Phase 1A of the project, including collections.

Director Neill notified the board that she would be presenting at the next Quality of Life Committee meeting on the library and library services. Discussion of the presentation content. Director Neill also informed the board that she is a key-note speaker at the New Mexico Library Association annual conference at the end of October, where she will be presenting on maker spaces in libraries. Discussion of maker spaces and art spaces in Santa Fe.

Discussion of library statistics, including an upcoming project to clean up the library database, including removing long-expired library cards. Director Neill also informed the board that the public computer management systems need to be replaced. Discussion of the scope of the project, timeline and potential impact on the public.

Member McGarrity requested an update on the fire panel repair at Main Library, Director Neill stated that the work had been completed and the last step was to have the fire marshal sign off on it and that is pending.

7. President's Report

a. Mark Lupinetti, Library Advisory Board President, fmlupinetti@hotmail.com

No report.

8. New Business

a. Friends of the Library Report-William Karnoscak

Member Karnoscak updated the board on finances, discussion of capital campaign plans for Fogelson. Discussion of the City's rules governing naming facilities. Discussion of Friends' plans for a celebration for Sunday opening. Member Karnoscak also stated that the Friends are working on a marketing campaign and the annual appeal. Member Karnoscak mentioned a fundraiser held by the Friends and Sky Cinema in honor of Dolly Parton, where Steel Magnolias played to a packed house. 10% of ticket sales went to the Friends in honor of Ms. Parton's work as an advocate for early childhood literacy and her Imagination Library.

9. Old Business

a. Fogelson Library Update

Director Neill gave updates on Fogelson Library. Discussion of Phase 1 of the project. Discussion of the Library Advisory Board meeting with the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency board to work together on Fogelson and Midtown. Brief discussion of collections, including those held by Arts and Culture. Director Neill stated that she was interested in the naming of the facilities. Discussion of City rules for naming, discussion of potential names. Discussion of changes in Santa Fe and how to honor the history and culture while also recognizing the current needs of the community.

b. Policy Review: Meeting Rooms

Discussion of the original 2017 policy and suggested changes made by staff based on current use. Director Neill gave examples of meeting room issues that should be addressed in an updated policy. Member McGarrity asked what the role of the board was, and Director Neill clarified that the board should read the draft and at the next board meeting and either vote to approve or make further changes.

c. Facility and Project Updates

Director Neill provided updates on facility projects, including door replacement at La Farge, a plumbing issue at Main that was identified in July but still not fixed, and delays in ADA and parking lot projects at Southside. Discussion of funding and impact on operations. Further discussion on meeting with the MRA board and looking at committee charters and bylaws.

10. Next Meeting:

a. October 20, 2026 at Main Library at 5:45 PM

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

_____Chair

_____Liaison