Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe Public Library Board
October 20, 2026 at 5:45 PM
Main Library
145 Washington Avenue
MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mark Lupinetti at 5:45 PM, on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Main Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT
William Karnoscak
Flavian Mark Lupinetti
Meghan McGarrity
Adele Oliveria
Tamina Painter
Kate Goddard
Nicholas Taylor

MEMBERS EXCUSED
None

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING
Margaret M. Neill, Library Division Director and Clerk
Georgina McKee, Friends of the Santa Fe Library Executive Director
Elaine Sullivan, Member, Friends of the Santa Fe Library

3. Approval of Agenda

Director Neill requested that Item 9a: Old Business be changed to remove the Meeting Room Policy Use and add a discussion of City by-laws and charter for the Library Advisory Board.

MOTION A motion was made by Member Karnoscak, seconded by Member Goddard, to Amend.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

   a. Approval of September 15, 2026 Minutes

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

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Public Comment

Guest Elaine Sullivan introduced herself as a new Friends of the Library Board member.

6. Director's Report

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

Director Neill reported that there are two upcoming retirements at Southside and La Farge. She noted that there were no part-time librarian applicants for Sundays. The people who interviewed were interested in the full-time librarian position at La Farge. Director Neill said the part-time librarian position will be reposted as part-time. Discussion of interviews and candidates as well as hiring timelines.
Director Neill informed the group that the Costume Swap at La Farge was a successful event with approximately 195 people attending and picking out costumes.

Director Neill updated the board on Facilities issues, including repairs to staff restrooms at Main. Discussion of facilities, funding for deferred maintenance, potential projects. She also updated them on a new after-school program happening at the branches in partnership with the Community Educator's Network (CEN). Discussion of CEN. Director Neill provided an update on statistics. Discussion of the numbers, technology check-outs, services and programs. Director Neill also updated the board on materials purchasing, including the transition to a new vendor. Discussion of vendors.

Director Neill provided general updates on City issues, including inventorying the Fogelson collection. Discussion of the process. Discussion of the Friends support of the project. Further updates on Fogelson Library planning sessions with the architects, contractors and City and Library stakeholders. Discussion of the planning sessions. Updates on upcoming programs for Native American Heritage Month and planning for future events.

7. President's Report

    a. Mark Lupinetti, President, fmlupinetti@hotmail.com

Nothing to report.

8. New Business

    a. Friends of the Library Report-William Karnoscak

Member Karnoscak asked Friends Executive Director Georgina McKee and board member Elaine Sullivan to provide updates. Director McKee reported that the Friends are working on membership levels and incentives. She also updated the board on an upcoming event for members and the annual giving event. Member Karnoscak remarked that one of the new board members was recently appointed to the finance

committee as the current treasurer will be stepping down in a few months. Discussion of the certificate of deposit held by the City and the Friends plan for the funds as part of fundraising for Fogelson Library. Discussion of online book sales as a revenue generator, cost and logistics. Board member Sullivan noted that the Friends have a lot of volunteers who want to help. Discussion of potential opportunities for volunteers. President Lupinetti requested information on the meeting that Member McGarrity and Director McKee attended at Midtown with the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (MRA) board. They attended as the Friends and the Advisory Board will be part of the Fogelson Library project, and they wanted to meet the MRA board. Discussion of the meeting and key points. Member McGarrity asked about the disposition of specific collections, Director Neill provided clarification on what items are the Library's and what belongs to Arts and Culture. Discussion of collections.

9. Old Business

    a. Policy Review: Meeting Room Use

President Lupinetti noted the change from Meeting Room Use policy review to the Advisory Board charter and mission. Member Goddard passed out documents that contained her research on the City's current boards and committees, including information on how often they meet, their policies and procedures, what their mandates are and what role they play in the City. Member Goddard also shared research on what other library advisory boards across the country do, how they are structured, and their bylaws. Discussion of Albuquerque Bernalillo County Public Library and Phoenix Public Library's board structure and their bylaws and duties. Director Neill noted that the City is currently evaluating all boards and committees and that it might be a good time to request permission to revise the charter. Discussion of the existing charter and what might help clarify roles and responsibilities.

Discussion of Friends of the Library event on October 29, 2026. Member Taylor asked about a Memory Project from DC Public Library that was awarded in 2022. Director Neill explained the history of the grant and why it was not continued.

10. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at La Farge Library.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

_____Chair

_____Liaison