



INLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2026
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

On Site:

De Anza Community & Teen Center
1405 S. Fern Ave., Ontario, CA 91762

Alternate Meeting Locations:

Banning Library District, 21 W. Nicolet St., Banning, CA 92220
Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main St., Corona, CA 92882
Hemet Public Library, 300 E. Latham Ave., Hemet, CA 92543
Inyo County Free Library, 168 N. Edwards St., Independence, CA 93526
Norman F. Feldheim Public Library, 555 W. 6th St., San Bernardino, CA 92410
Palm Desert Library, 73300 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92253
Palm Springs Public Library, 3111 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
Riverside Main Library, 3900 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501
Upland Public Library, 450 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, CA 91786

Attendance

Caines, Kathye - Hemet
Castro, Arnold - Victorville
Christmas, Erin - Riverside Public
Dickinson, Luren - Beaumont
Erjavek, Ed - San Bernardino Public
Garcia, Wess - Rancho Cucamonga
Kays, Jeannie - Palm Springs
Lee, Kevin - Banning
Masters, Nancy - Inyo
Orosco, Melanie - San Bernardino
County
Racelis, Melvin - Murrieta
Vonnegut, Shannon - Palm Desert
Sunio, Maria - Moreno Valley

Thrasher, Shawn - Ontario
Tuckerman, Adam - Upland

Absent

Espinosa, Aaron - Rancho Mirage
Pedroza, Edward - Colton
Lay, Debra - Riverside County
Whittington, Daniell - Corona

Other

Beck, Andy - SCLC
Pham, Lena - CSL
Powers, Christine - SCLC
Snodgrass, Nerissa - SCLC

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Welcome/Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

Melanie Orosco

2. Public Comment Melanie Orosco
Opportunity for any guest or member of the public to address the Council on any item of Administrative Council business.
None
3. Consent Calendar Melanie Orosco
All items on the consent calendar may be approved by a single motion. Any Council member may request an item be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the agenda for discussion.
a. Draft minutes from the December 11, 2025, Administrative Council regular meeting
MSP (Sunio/ Caines) to pass the Consent Calendar, without changes.
14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

4. Adoption of the Agenda Melanie Orosco
The Chair adopted the agenda, without objection.
5. Presentation of Vision for California's Public Libraries Linda Kenton/
Joseph Bopp
(DISCUSSION)
Linda Kenton and Joesph Bopp presented the Vision for California's Public Libraries.

Kevin Lee joined at 10:41 am.

Ed Erjavek left the meeting at 10:55 am.

6. Budget Status Report for FY 2025/26 & Andy Beck/
Christine Powers
Preliminary Budget for FY 2026/27
(DISCUSSION)
A preliminary budget for FY 2026–27 was presented based on the assumption that California Library Services Act (CLSA) funding will remain reduced by 50% for a third year; however, revenue estimates remain preliminary and subject to change pending final state allocations. Membership dues are expected to increase slightly. The Executive Committee recommended removing the \$30,000 training line item and reallocating those funds to support a balanced budget. Staff will revise the budget based on this adjustment. The final budget may also be modified depending on the state's May revise and adopted budget. Future budget updates will include reporting on Inland's investment funds.
7. Membership Dues for FY 2026/27 Andy Beck
(ACTION)
MSP (Dickinson/Thrasher) to approve membership and Califa dues schedule for fiscal year 2026/27.
14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Luren Dickson left the meeting.

8. CLSA Planning for FY 2026/27
(DISCUSSION)
Executive Director, Christine Powers presented the discussion for CLSA Planning for FY 2026/27. Christine Powers
9. Consideration of Date Change for May Meeting
(ACTION)
MSP (Thrasher/Christmas) to select a new meeting date of Monday, May 11, 2026 for the upcoming May meeting.
13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain Christine Powers
10. Nominating Committee for FY 2026/27 Officers
(ACTION)
MSP (Thrasher/Caines) to create a Nominating Committee consisting of Melanie Orosco, Erin Christmas, Shawn Thrasher, and Arnold Castro.
13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain Christine Powers
11. State Library Liaison Report
California State Library representative, Lisa Lindsay, presented the State Library Report. Lisa Lindsay
12. Administrative Council Chair Report
None Melanie Orosco
13. Other
None Melanie Orosco
14. Member Library Updates Melanie Orosco

Ontario

The library is hosting its second Day of Reading on March 24 in partnership with Silent Book Club, with plans to expand ongoing community reading events, and will feature a baseball theme for summer reading. Looking ahead, Ontario will also explore implementing a new ILS and updating its facility master plan.

Hemet

City Council has approved new city branding, which will begin rolling out in the coming weeks. The library is preparing for several upcoming events, including a cultural fair in April, the Ramona Pageant, and summer reading programming. Additionally, the library received funding for Lunch at the Library and will offer pop-up library services during the summer meal program.

Palm Springs

The library is having ongoing renovation, including a newly released virtual tour video showing the building fully gutted. The library is hosting several upcoming

events and fundraisers, including Palm Springs Speaks, and celebrated the Library Foundation reaching its \$2 million capital campaign goal, along with launching an endowment that includes support for LGBTQ+ programs. Additionally, the library is participating in the revived Palm Springs Book Festival with screenings, storytimes, and community programming.

Riverside Public

Due to low usage and budget considerations, Sunday hours will be reduced to three locations (Orange Terrace, Arlington, and Main library) effective April 12. The library is also continuing progress on the new Eastside Library, with an anticipated early 2027 opening, and recently achieved Blue Zones certification across all locations to support staff wellness. Additionally, a new Chicano Literature and Art space, Ojos del Tiempo, will be unveiled at the Casablanca Library.

Murrieta

Library hours are beginning to expand, with Friday hours increasing from 12–5 p.m. to 10 a.m.–6 p.m. starting March 27. The library is hosting the Princess Project, providing free formalwear for teens, and will again participate in the Neighborhood Forest program. Additionally, the children's library expansion is underway, with completion still anticipated for mid to late October despite minor weather-related delays.

Rancho Cucamonga

The library is receiving an extension on its Beyond Library Infrastructure Grant to support facility upgrades, including lighting, ADA improvements, and building access enhancements. The library is also relocating the Archibald Library to a nearby, more accessible site, with additional funding secured to support expanded construction plans. Other updates include launching a new museum exhibit, hiring a marketing coordinator, and reopening the renovated Victoria Gardens Cultural Center courtyard to host community events.

Moreno Valley

Moreno Valley Mall temporarily closed due to violations but has since reopened, with most library programs continuing during the closure by relocating services, though a few programs were impacted. The city is moving forward with major developments, including a new museum and shared city spaces within the mall, as well as construction of the Lakeshore Village library branch. Additional updates included participation in upcoming community events, expansion of summer lunch programming, and recent staffing changes.

San Bernardino County

The library is launching a book vending machine at the Chino Branch Library to reward positive behavior, with additional machines planned. The library is also expanding makerspace services, beginning a branch remodel ahead of summer reading, and moving forward with updates to other locations. Additional efforts

include securing new book vendor contracts and exploring a farmers market partnership at the Highland Branch Library.

Inyo County

The library has had staffing challenges after losing three long-time employees, leaving the system understaffed, though recruitment efforts are underway. Despite this, the library continues community-focused initiatives, including a seed library, rural health programming, and partnerships supporting literacy and local events. The county is also exploring future developments, including participation in a new community center in Furnace Creek and promoting its memory lab services.

Upland

The library has ongoing facility improvements, including replacing service desks in both youth and adult areas. With strong support from the Friends group, the library is exploring additional upgrades such as flooring and doors and is seeking contractor recommendations to support both aesthetic and functional enhancements.

Victorville

The library had a successful grand opening of its new library, which has been extremely well received, with demand for library cards far exceeding expectations. The City Council has also approved renaming the library to honor a former city leader, requiring upcoming updates and transitions. Additionally, the library's new bookmobile is ready for use, with final enhancements in progress.

15. Adjournment

MS (Castro/Sunio) to adjourn the meeting at 11: 59 am.

Melanie Orosco