



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**



**NEW BRAUNFELS PUBLIC LIBRARY
700 E. COMMON ST.**

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRESENTATIONS

A) Library Card Type presentation

[26-735](#)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens or board members to address The Library Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Library Advisory Board action at this time.

From Citizens

From Library Advisory Board members

6. REPORTS

Library Director

-Monthly Operations Update

New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

-Monthly Operations Update

Friends of the Library

-Monthly Operations Update

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Review and approval of policy 2.2 Borrower Eligibility

[26-736](#)

B) Review and approval of Library Advisory Board bylaws

[26-737](#)

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (830) 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Library Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

6/23/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Cole Johnson, Library Director

SUBJECT:

Library Card Type presentation



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Review and approval of policy 2.2 Borrower Eligibility

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I. Card Types

The New Braunfels Public Library offers four distinct library card types designed to accommodate different age groups and provide families with specific levels of access to our collections.

1. Library Card (Ages 18+): Full access to all physical collections (Adult, Teen, Children) and all digital resources.

For patrons under 18, the library offers three card options:

2. Library Card (17 and under): Full access to all physical collections (Adult, Teen, Children) and all digital resources.

3. Children's Card: Limited to the Children's room physical collection and designated digital homework resources.

4. Teen Card: Limited to the Teen and Children's room physical collections and designated digital homework resources.

II. Borrower Eligibility

Residency Option (Free)

The New Braunfels Public Library provides library cards without charge to all residents. Residency is defined as:

- **Residing** within the City of New Braunfels or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- **Owning real property** located in the City of New Braunfels or its ETJ.
- **Possessing a mailing address** in New Braunfels, TX, as established by the United States Postal Service.

Payment Option (Non-Resident)

Individuals who do not meet the residency requirements may obtain a library card by paying the following non-refundable fees:

- **Adult (18+):** \$25.00 for one year or \$15.00 for six months.
- **Minor (Under 18):** \$10.00 for one year.

III. Verification Requirements

- **Presence:** The individual obtaining the card must be present (exceptions may be made for accessibility barriers).
- **Identity:** Verification is required via a valid Texas-issued photo ID with a current address. Alternatively, any photo ID accompanied by postmarked mail showing the applicant's name and address is acceptable.
- **Minors:** For all minor cards (Teens and Children), a parent or legal guardian must be present to provide ID, verify address, and select the preferred card type.

IV. TexShare Cards

The **TexShare Card** is a reciprocal borrowing program. Local libraries issue TexShare Cards to patrons, who then can borrow materials from any other participating Texas library. This card is separate from your standard library card.

Getting a TexShare Card (For NBPL Members)

If you are an NBPL member and wish to borrow from other Texas libraries, we can issue you a TexShare Card if you:

- Are at least **18 years old**.
- Have been an NBPL member for at least **60 days**.
- Have a **clear record** (no unpaid fees or lost items).

Important Rules

- **Expiration:** Unlike standard NBPL library cards, TexShare Cards expire annually. Your TexShare Card is valid for one year from the date of issuance.
- **Good Standing:** If you owe fees or have overdue items at *any* participating TexShare library, your borrowing privileges at NBPL will be paused until those are cleared.

Visiting from Another Library?

- **Account Creation:** Visitors from other systems will be issued an NBPL library card upon presenting their active TexShare Card and a valid photo ID.
- **Access:** Check out up to **10 items** at a time.
- **Holds:** Up to **3 holds** at a time.
- **Exclusions:** Visiting TexShare members are not eligible for Interlibrary Loans (ILL).
- **Requirements:** We cannot honor TexShare Cards that are expired or missing an expiration date.



Revised: March 30, 2026

By: _____

President, Library Advisory Board

Attest: _____

Library Director

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Library Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

6/23/2026

Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Cole Johnson, Library Director

SUBJECT:

Review and approval of Library Advisory Board bylaws

**BYLAWS OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

The Board shall be governed by Chapter 78, Article II, Sections 78-26 through 78-31, Code of Ordinances, New Braunfels, Texas.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this Board shall be the New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board hereinafter referred to as the "Board."

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Board shall be:

1. To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council for the continued development and improvement of the New Braunfels Public Library and for the protection of its collection;
2. To promote close communications between the city and all private citizens in order to secure the greatest degree of public benefit from library resources and services;
3. To advise in the formulation of reasonable policies governing the use of library facilities and resources based upon recommendations of the library director.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

Section 1. Appointments

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council, at least five (5) of whom shall reside within the city limits. Each member shall serve without compensation for a term of three (3) years. Unexpired terms shall be filled by the City Council.

Section 2. Resignations

Any member resigning shall submit a letter of resignation to the President, and the resignation shall be approved by the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3. Vacancy in Membership Due to Absenteeism

Any Board member appointed by the City Council shall forfeit that membership if absent, without being excused by a majority of the Board members present and voting, for:

- a] two consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings, or
- b] four regularly scheduled or special meetings in any twelve-month period of time.

If a member's place on the Board shall be deemed vacated, the City Council shall be notified by the Board that the position is vacant and to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLES III: OFFICERS

Section 1. Election of Officers

The Board shall elect from its members a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Officers will be elected at the October meeting and serve on an annual basis.

The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.

Officers shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive years in any one office unless the Board by 2/3 vote of those present and voting, when there is a quorum, shall deem necessary the continuation of service by any officer to complete a specific project, or for a designated purpose. The Board may assign such duties to its officers as are deemed necessary.

Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by election of the Board at its next regular or special meeting.

Section 2. Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all meetings, be a voting member, appoint special committees as needed, and authorize calls for special meetings.

Section 3. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President assumes the duties of President in the absence of the President.

Section 4. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate account of all Board meeting proceedings. Original minutes of meetings shall be stored in the library.

Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer may advise the Board and the Library Director on the status of those funds that are not under the authority of the City of New Braunfels.

Section 6. Duties of the Library Director

The Library Director is an ex-officio member of the Board and shall have sole charge of the administration of the library. The Library Director or designated substitute shall attend all Board meetings.

Section 7. Appointments

The Board may make recommendations to the City Council for the appointment and reappointment of members to the Board.

The Board shall recommend to the City Council the appointment of a Lay Representative and Alternate Lay Representative to the Alamo Area Library System.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The regular meeting shall be held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless it is determined by the President that a specific meeting date and time must be changed due to the weather, lack of a quorum or some other sufficient reason. The Board has the authority to change the meeting day and date by a majority of those present and voting, when a quorum is present.

Section 2. Conduct of Meetings

The Board notice of all regular Board meetings shall be delivered to each member of the Board at least three (3) days prior to each meeting. Notice of all meetings shall be posted at City Hall in compliance with all state and local law.

The Board is empowered to hold and conduct public meetings, which must be open to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President of the Board or by two (2) members of the Board for the transaction of only that business in the call of the meeting.

Section 4. Place of Meeting

The place of meeting shall be the conference room of the New Braunfels Public Library unless otherwise stated in the call.

Section 5. Quorum

Four members of the Board at all times constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Rules of Order

General parliamentary rules, as given in Robert's Rules of Order, as modified by the rules and regulations of the Board shall be observed in conducting meetings of the Board.

Section 7. Order of Business

The President and the Library Director in consultation shall prepare the agenda of business in advance of each meeting. The following shall be the Order of Business of the Board, but this order may be suspended so that any pressing matters may be considered or scheduled business postponed by the action of the Board.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Reading and approval of minutes of prior or any special meeting
4. Communications – Citizens and Board Members
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Section 1. Appointment of Special Committees

The President of the Board shall appoint special committees for consideration and study of any matter not covered by the Board during regular or special meetings. The special committee shall report their findings to the Board.

ARTICLE VI: REVISION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Revision

These bylaws shall not be in conflict with the provision of this division or any ordinance of the city and shall be approved by the City Council, as shall any subsequent amendment. The Board shall review the bylaws every three (3) years.

Section 2. Amendments

These bylaws can be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, when there is a quorum, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to all Board members at least three (3) days before the meeting at which it will be considered for adoption.

Approved by the New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board

August 19, 1996

Amended October 16, 2000, November 18, 2002, October 15, 2007 and January 24, 2008

Approved by New Braunfels City Council

September 9, 1996, January 27, 2003 and February 11, 2008