



Libraries Board Meeting Minutes

State Library of South Australia

1 June 2026 10am ACST

@ Meeting Room 2, State Library, North Terrace

Attendance

Present:

Members: Jo Bayly, Megan Berghuis, Andrew Culley (remote), Joanne Cys, Joost den Hartog (remote), Hanlie Erasmus, Helen Hennessy, Cassidy Jenkins, Bruce Linn, Amanda Nettelbeck (remote), Amanda Osborne, Bridget Mather (remote)

1. WELCOME

1.1. Present / Apologies

- Kedeisha Kartinyeri (Apology)

1.2. Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia.

The Chair made an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3. Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were noted.

2. STARRING OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Board agreed to star Agenda Item 8 for discussion.

Motion:

That the Board agrees to take the unstarred agenda items as recommended.

Motion moved by Helen Hennessy and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck.
Carried.

3. MINUTES

3.1. *Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of Libraries Board meeting held on 4 May 2026 be confirmed.

Motion moved by Joost den Hartog and motion seconded by Andrew Culley. Carried.

3.2. Action Items

The Board noted that there are no new action items.

4. STRATEGIC MATTERS (Presentations, Key Strategy Updates)

4.1. *Proposed Governance Model for the One Card Consortium Following the Inclusion of the State Library

The Board discussed the proposed governance model in detail. Discussion focused on governance structure, including committee naming, membership composition and representation, and maintaining clear differentiation between strategic oversight and operational matters.

The Board emphasised the importance of maintaining strong Board oversight, including appointment of members and clarity regarding the appointment of committee and user group chairs, and confirmed that the proposed committee would operate in an advisory capacity with decision-making authority remaining with the Board.

The Board also considered how the proposed model balances consortium-wide governance with the Board's responsibilities in relation to the State Library, including the handling of State Library-specific matters and the role of existing groups within a future structure.

Further discussion addressed the role of a User Group to support strategic decision-making by addressing operational matters in advance, the importance of appropriate sector representation including school community libraries, and the need for effective engagement with local government and the broader sector.

Motion:

That the Libraries Board:

- 1) Considers and provides feedback on the proposed governance framework for the One Card Consortium comprised of a strategic Consortium Committee to replace the current Public Libraries Committee effective 1 January 2027, supported by a Consortium User Group providing technical and operational advice.
- 2) Considers and provides feedback on the draft Terms of Reference of the Consortium Committee and the Consortium User Group.
- 3) Consult the One Card 2.0 Steering Committee on the proposed Consortium Committee, with feedback to inform the Board's final endorsement.

Motion moved by Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Bridget Mather. Carried.

4.2. *Workplace Health and Safety Report 1 December 2025 – 31 May 2026

Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director, spoke to the Workplace Health and Safety report. It was noted that the report had been provided in response to a request from the Finance and Risk Committee for at least half-yearly reporting to the Board. No concerns were highlighted, and changes had been made to align reporting with Department of the Premier and Cabinet requirements

Motion:

That the Libraries Board notes the State Library's WHS performance for the period 1 December 2025 to 31 May 2026.

Motion moved by Helen Hennessy and motion seconded by Joanne Cys. Carried.

5. FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

5.1. Libraries Board Financial Performance Summary as at 30 April 2026

This item was unstarred and was taken as recommended under Item 2.

Motion:

That the Board notes the Financial Performance Summary for the period ending 30 April 2026, including the accompanying variance explanations.

Carried.

5.2. Treasurer's Instruction 11 (TI 11) – Payment of Invoices and Claims - Jan - March 2026

This item was unstarred and was taken as recommended under Item 2.

Motion:

That the Board note the account payment performance reports for January – March 2026.

Carried.

5.3. Summary Report of Finance and Risk Committee Meeting

No report. Next meeting scheduled for Friday 12 June 2026.

6. PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

6.1. *Summary Report of Public Libraries Committee

Helen Hennessy, Chair, Public Libraries Committee, reported that the Committee had a constructive and open discussion and that several matters within the Logistics Report would need to return with stronger evidence-based data. Discussion also referred to the proposed Consortium budget strategy and the absence of other viable options at this point.

Board members noted support for the sortation analysis and the sustainability focus of the recommendations, while emphasising the importance of establishing baseline activity measures and providing further evidence regarding likely impact and savings. It was also noted that the matters had previously been considered about a year earlier but were brought back due to elapsed time and changes in committee membership.

Motion:

That the Libraries Board note the summary report of the Wednesday 20 May 2026 Committee meeting and approves the resolutions recommended by the Public Libraries Committee.

Motion moved by Helen Hennessy and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck. Carried.

7. ONE CARD 2.0 COLLECTIONS REFORM STEERING COMMITTEE

7.1. Summary Report of One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Steering Committee

No report. Next One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 22 June 2026.

8. *DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Megan Berghuis, Director, provided an update on the Strategic Plan process, including engagement of Democracy Co, proposed early focus groups, targeted workshops, online engagement, a public summit and submissions. It was noted that staff workshop planning is underway and the Libraries Board workshop was scheduled for 22 June, and that the engagement process would separate broader strategic consultation from issue-specific consultation.

The Director also updated the Board on progress with major projects, including the upcoming tour of works underway, the Little Library, and the Pull Pop Push exhibition opening on 5 June. The Board was advised of the announcement of the Deane Miller Fellowship in partnership with the Friends of the State Library and of the completion of the Cultural Institution Storage Facility project. The Director acknowledged the significant effort of staff and noted revised arrangements for the upcoming regional Board tour due to current economic conditions and travel risk.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the verbal update provided.

Motion moved by Bridget Mather and motion seconded by Joost den Hartog. Carried.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DECISION

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NOTING

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. *Chair's Report on Meeting with the Deputy Premier

The Chair provided a verbal update on a recent meeting with the Deputy Premier, Minister for Arts. The Board was advised that the meeting had been positive and covered financial pressures, the One Card 2.0 Reform Program, commercial and philanthropy strategies, strategic planning, First Nations and digital strategies, and major projects. It was also noted that ongoing quarterly meetings with the Deputy Premier were expected to continue.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the verbal update provided.

Motion moved by Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Helen Hennessy. carried.

11.2. *Upcoming PDP

Verbal update provided by the Chair.

11.3. *Peterborough Library

Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director, provided an update regarding a request for support in relation to the Peterborough library service. It was noted that the request includes consideration of alternative delivery models.

The Board discussed the current operating context and constraints, including broader financial pressures and the limited capacity to provide direct funding support.

The Board noted that a range of options are being explored, with further discussions to occur to determine appropriate next steps, including potential external engagement as required. A letter from the Chair of the Board will be sent to the Minister for Education requesting a discussion to include the Peterborough library within the School Community Library program.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the update provided.

Motion moved by Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Bridget Mather. Carried.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 6 July 2026 at 10am in Meeting Room 2, State Library.

Meeting closed at 11.26am.

Chair: 

Date: 