



SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 19, 2025, Law Library, Santa Rosa

Judge Simonds called the meeting to order at 12:15. Present: Judge Dana Simonds, Judge Mark Urioste, Judge Ken Gness, Judge Ken English, James Barnes, Sherie Hurd, and Nikolaos Pelekis.

1. Approval of September 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Sherie Hurd made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2025, meeting. Judge Urioste seconded the motion. Judge English and Judge Gness abstained, the rest members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

2. Review/approve Director's Financial Reports for Q1 FY25/26:

Nikolaos presented the Quarterly Financial Report to the Board. He noted that the overall financial picture is very positive. All revenue accounts except one are higher than expected, and all expense accounts except one remain below budget. Nikolaos also informed the Board that he had accidentally used the Library's card for a personal AMAZON purchase (\$15.44). As soon as he realized the mistake, he immediately reimbursed the Library by depositing the same amount into the Library's Exchange Bank account. Documentation of the reimbursement was provided to the Board. Judge Urioste moved to approve the Financial Report. James Barnes seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

3. Director's Report:

Nikolas informed the Board about the CCCLL Meeting in San Luis Obispo on October 6th. He noted that CCCLL has new lobbyists and is moving toward state-funding strategies that will support county law libraries statewide. He also reported that the Law Library received Fee Waiver Backfill funds from the state in the amount of \$10,965.55. Finally, Nikolas shared that Sara Oswald sent a donation check of \$358,095.60 from Jay Dove's estate. He will call a special meeting of Amicus to deposit the check and to develop a strategy for managing and investing the funds in accordance with the donor's intent to benefit the Sonoma County Law Library.

4. Other Matters/Public Comment/Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2026, at 12:15 p.m. at the Law Library. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

President Judge Dana Simonds

Recording Secretary Nikolaos Pelekis