

April 2026 Board President Report

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Coming into 2026, one of my goals was to formalize the Board's processes and procedures while also setting clearer expectations for progress and accountability. While there is still work ahead, including some unfinished business from Q1, I am pleased that our committees are now largely established and operating.

Q2 Priorities

From a Board perspective, our priorities for Q2 include the following:

- **Security policy review and implementation.** As security concerns at Central Library and other branches have become more prominent, I have asked Amanda to provide a review of current policies along with recommendations for improvement. This work will likely require partnership with agencies both within and outside County government.
- **Petit Library construction.** As this project moves forward, there is a renewed need for the Board to remain focused on oversight and execution to help ensure the project continues on track.
- **MOU completion.** The system-wide MOU is currently under review and being updated. Once finalized, it will need to come before the Board for approval.
- **Strategic plan alignment.** We want to renew focus on progress against the adopted strategic plan and ensure that Board oversight, leadership priorities, and organizational execution remain well aligned.
- **Executive leadership development and alignment.** During Q1, the Board completed Amanda's annual review as she concluded her first full year as Executive Director. The review process provided an opportunity to reflect on progress to date and identify priorities for the year ahead, including strengthening reporting cadence, continuing to build partnership with County leadership, and further developing a clear mission and vision for the library system in alignment with the adopted strategic plan.

Q1 Review

Overall, Q1 brought meaningful progress as committees were formed and began operating. At the same time, there is an opportunity to reset expectations and reinforce the importance of active participation and engagement from Board members in their respective committees. Thank you to everyone who helped get these processes up and running. I am encouraged by the foundation that has been built and look forward to seeing this work continue in the months ahead.