



Minutes

New Mexico State Library Commission Meeting

September 15, 2025, 1PM

New Mexico State Library, Commission Room
1209 Camino Carlos Rey and by Zoom

In Attendance: Chair Dean Smith, Vice Chair Cynthia Shetter (by Zoom), Commissioner Heather Cameron, Commissioner Elizabeth Martinez, State Librarian Eli Guinee

Also in Attendance in-person: Carmelita Aragon, Library Development Bureau Chief, Cassandra Osterloh, Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator, Ursula McDaid, State Data Coordinator, Lauren Conley, Accountant Auditor Supervisor; Joseph McKenzie, Martha Liebert Library Director.

Also in Attendance by zoom: Melissa Morrow, Marsha Leno, Lynelle Aragon, Charles England, Alyssa Valencia, Melanie Soto Lauren Groesbeck, Ann Welshko, Sarah Booth, Cynthia Shetter, June Tafoya, Jonathan Pino, Donovan Pete.

1. Call to order

Meeting Called to Order at 1:01 PM by Chair Smith.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion for approval of Agenda.

First: Shetter; Second: Cameron; Passes

3. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2025 meeting

Motion for approval of May 2, 2025 Meeting.

First: Shetter; Second: Cameron; Passes

4. State Library Report

State Librarian Eli Guinee presented the 4th Quarter FY25 Commission Report. USDA grant has been extended by a year, with three more sound booths being procured for public libraries and the new GetSetUp online learning platform getting much use; Federal funding for next FY is looking positive, in the budget for both the House and the Senate.

5. Review of State Grant Waiver Requests

Commissioners reviewed Waiver Requests for FY26 State Grants in Aid denials, with the following recommendations made:

Acoma Learning Center	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that the library finishes spending the state funding received in FY25 and reports spending \$1.50 per capita by September 30, 2025	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Carnegie Public Library (Las Vegas)	Motion to grant waiver; the Commissioners note that the library has received a denial for several years and while glad that the library is now appealing, the library needs to work towards compliance to receive future grants	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Espanola Public Library	Motion to grant waiver	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Jemez Pueblo Community Library	Motion to grant waiver	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Cameron Abstains; Passes 3-0
Laguna Public Library	Motion to grant waiver	First: Shetter; Second: Cameron; Passes
Las Cruces Public Libraries (Munson Center Branch)	Motion to grant waiver	First: Martinez; Second: Cameron; Passes
Michael Nivison Public Library (Cloudcroft)	Motion to grant waiver with note that this is the second year in a row that the library has not met matching funds or spent all of state aid; the Commission will not recommend a waiver if the same issues occur a third year in a row	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Picuris Pueblo Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that all remaining FY25 funds need to be spent by September 30, 2025 and a tracking sheet demonstrating this be submitted	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Pinedale Tribal Community Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that the Annual Report be completed and submitted by Tuesday September 23 at 5pm, demonstrating that the Library is meeting state funding requirements.	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes
Pueblo de Cochiti Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that all remaining FY25 funds need to be spent by September 30, 2025 and a tracking sheet demonstrating this be submitted	First: Martinez; Second: Cameron; Passes
Santa Ana Pueblo Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that all remaining FY25 funds need to be spent by September 30, 2025 and a tracking sheet demonstrating this be submitted; the Commission notes the library needs to hold two	First: Shetter; Second: Martinez; Passes

board meetings in FY26 to be eligible for FY27 funds

Taos Pueblo Library	Motion to uphold Denial	First: Cameron; Second: Shetter; Passes (3-1, Martinez votes No)
Torreon Community Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that an Appeal Letter be submitted by 5pm Friday September 19, along with requested tracking sheets for State Grants-in-Aid, Tribal Libraries Program Grant, and Rural Libraries Program Grant	First: Martinez; Second: Shetter; Passes
Town of Bernalillo Public Library	Motion to grant waiver	First: Cameron; Second: Martinez; Passes
Zia Enrichment Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that digital version of the State Grants in Aid Tracking Sheet be submitted by 5pm September 16.	First: Shetter; Second: Cameron; Passes
Zuni Pueblo Library	Motion to grant waiver with contingency that the Annual Report is completed and submitted by 5pm Wednesday September 24, demonstrating that state funding requirements are met.	First: Shetter; Second: Cameron; Passes

6. Public Comment

None

7. Next meeting date(s) and location

October 24, 2025 at 11am, Marriot Pyramid, Albuquerque

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair Smith at 3:47pm