

Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board
February 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Jordan Room, Abilene Public Library

Agenda for Board Meeting:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Changes to agenda/Approval of agenda
- III. Approval of minutes of December 2024 meeting
- IV. Welcome new board members
- V. Public comments, correspondence
 - A. Sister City International
 - B. News from Omitama
- VI. Friends of Sister City – Heather Unruh
- VII. Japan Club – Jerry Rankin
- VIII. Financial report
 - A. Income/expense report for December 2025
- IX. Friends of Sister City – Heather Unruh
- X. Review delegate applications
 - A. Total of eight delegates (Four adults and eight students)
 - B. Board member chaperones
- XI. Adjourn – Next meeting is March 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Abilene Public Library.

ABILENE-OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES December 11, 2024

Call to Order: The Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board Meeting was called to order by Claire Anderson at 6:00PM at the Abilene Public Library. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Kim Shafer, Andrea Taylor, Cindy Whittington, and Audrey Corbett; and Heather Unruh (Friends of Sister City). Ron Marsh and Leann Johnson (Abilene City Representatives) were also present. Kevin Unruh, Eric Anderson, and Bill Marshall were absent.

This was a special board meeting as one was not planned for December.

Changes/Approval of Agenda: Claire moved to change the agenda. Take off number four; no objections. Change October to November meeting. Andrea moved with suggested changes; Kim seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2024 meeting: Andrea moved and Audrey seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Discussion on changes of the sister city ordinance: Ron had a few housekeeping things. Change wording not CVB; city manager will appoint a liaison to the board. Secretary will be an elected position. Corina moved we make those two changes; Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Discussion with the city manager: Claire read a letter from Eric. Cindy made a motion to approve the resignation and Audrey seconded it. Bill's term is up and he did not renew. We have 3 or 4 interests. We have three open spots which will be appointed by the city in January. We will no longer have virtual meetings run by the president; it will be run in person. If the president is not in attendance the vice president will run the meeting. Sister city international expo is in September if anyone wants to pay their way to go. Meetings will stay on the second Wednesday of the month. Andrea suggested we review bylaws annually.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. Cindy made a motion to adjourn, and Andrea seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Corina Ryland, Secretary