



**ABILENE OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD
JORDAN ROOM, ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 209 NW FOURTH STREET
AUGUST 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

Agenda for Board Meeting:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Changes to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Sister City Board Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2026
- 4. Public Comments, Correspondence**
 - a. News from Omitama
 - b. Official Correspondence
- 5. Financial Report - Kim Shafer**
- 6. Friends of Sister City - Heather Unruh**
- 7. School Programs - Jerry Rankin and Corina Ryland**
- 8. Old Business**
 - a. Delegate Visit Follow-Up
- 9. New Business**
 - a. August 26th Event
- 10. Adjournment**

CITY OF ABILENE SISTER CITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

Members Present: Jerry Rankin (Vice-Chair), Kim Shafer (Treasurer), Kevin Unruh (Member), Mary Montgomery (Member), Samantha Geissinger (Member), Christal Hall (Member), and Heather Unruh (Friends of Sister City).

Members Absent: Jennifer Hager (Member), Jennie Hiatt (Chair), Jerry Rankin (Vice-Chair), Corina Ryland (Corresponding Secretary),

Additional Present: Harmon Geissinger

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Jerry Rankin at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Kevin moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Kim. All in favor.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2026

Sam moved to approve the minutes. Mary seconded. All in favor.

Public Comments and Correspondence

- a. News from Omitama – None
- b. Official Correspondence – All information has been given to host families as of 071326
- c. Harmon Geissinger gave a short presentation of his experience at the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership summit in Washington, DC. He recommends others doing this trip in the future.

Financial Report

New Balance: \$9,859.70

Kim shared the general fund for Sister City is at \$9,859.70 and \$5,142 is left in the scholarship fund. Mary moved to accept the financial report. Kevin seconded. All in favor

Friends of Sister City

Heather shared that Friends is available to help with the delegation as needed.

School Programs

Jerry announced that starting this next school year, grades 2-5 will be combined for Japan Club and if we want Japan Club to continue, someone else will have to lead it as Jerry does not intend to continue running Japan Club.

Old Business

- a. Delegation Planning: Kim gave an overview of the schedule. Members verified their participation and assistance for the daily activities. Welcome and Farewell Dinners were discussed. Board members verified their contributions to the meals.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Next Regular meeting: August 11, 2026, at the Abilene Public Library at 6pm. Kim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Minutes Approved,

Attest:

Sister City Board

Kelsey Briand, Finance Director