



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
26, January, 2015**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Chair Olga Wise, Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert, Commission Members Sharon Kahn, Ben Ornelas, Wendy Price Todd, Michelle Rosenblatt and Lynne Wiggins

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

**1. Citizen Communication:** None

**2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2014 were approved on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Board Member Kahn's second on a 7-0 vote.

**3. Presentation: Boards & Commissions Update**

Division Manager Sharon Herfurth gave an overview of "Boards and Commissions Transition Frequently Asked Questions" and the process to reapply for the Library Commission.

**4. Old Business: 5 Design Concepts for New York's Branch Library of the Future**

Commission Member Price Todd presented highlights from the Architectural League of New York's Re-envisioning Branch Libraries: Design Approaches.

**5. New Business**

**a. 2015 Meeting Calendar**

A motion to change the regular Library Commission Meeting time to 5-7 PM was approved on Board Member Wiggin's motion, Board Member Rosenblatt's second on a 7-0 vote.

**b. 2014 Annual Internal Review**

The first draft of the annual review was discussed. A second draft will be discussed at the February 2015 regular meeting.

**c. Commission Vacancies**

Sharon Herfurth informed Commission members that there are four vacancies currently appearing on the Boards & Commissions web site.

d. Branch Liaison Briefings

Vice Chair Dabbert attended the Recycled Reads rare and vintage book sale. Commission member Wiggins visited the Howson branch; Commission Member Price Todd visited Ruiz, Cepeda, Twin Oaks and Terrazas branches. The Commission discussed the possibility of publicizing Library events via Next Door and Neighborhood Associations. Chair Wise attended the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation meeting. Chair Wise, Vice Chair Dabbert and Commission member Price Todd attended the Boards & Commissions recognition event.

**6. Staff Briefings**

- a. Facilities Update: See Director's Report

**7. Announcements:** Vice Chair Dabbert reported on Conversation Corps. Every month groups will meet all around town, discussing the same community "issue of the month." Trained facilitators will lead the group. Conversation Corps is an initiative of the City of Austin, Capital Metro, AISD and Leadership Austin.

**8. Future Agenda Items:** 2014 Annual Internal Review

**Adjourn:** Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. without objection.