



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
22 May, 2017**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Southeast Branch, 5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd. in Austin, Texas.

Commission Member Patricia Dabbert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka, Patricia Dabbert, Aimee Finney, Catherine Hanna, Emily Hersh, Philip Howry, and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Chair Chad Williams, Vice Chair Cindy Fisher, Commission Members Steven Self and Wendy Price Todd

Staff in Attendance: Toni Lambert, Interim Director of Libraries and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

1. Citizen Communication: none

2. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2017 were approved on Commission Member Hersh's motion, Commission Member Hanna's second on a 7-0 vote. Chair Williams, Vice Chair Fisher, and Commission Members Self and Todd absent.

3. Old Business: none

4. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action relating to how to secure information from the Public Works Department on payments related to the New Central Library

The motion to request a briefing from the Public Works Department was approved on Commission Member Hanna's motion, Commission Member Wiggins' second on a 7-0 vote.

Commission Chair Williams, Vice Chair Fisher, and Commission Members Self and Todd absent.

b. Discussion of Restructuring of Austin Public Library Youth Services

Interim Director Toni Lambert outlined the restructuring of the Youth Services division.

Programs and services will be maintained at current levels.

5. Working Group Report

Commission members Hanna and Finney reported that they are meeting with ECHO and are studying how other public libraries are responding to homelessness.

6. Branch liaison briefings:

Commissioner Howry met with the manager of the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill. Commissioner Hersh reported that the youth librarian from the Little Walnut Creek branch is coming to Lanier High School to present early literacy training for students who are parents. Commission Member Bogucka visited North Village and noted that the “Green Vehicle” preferred parking signs have been removed.

7. Question About the Director’s Report:

Interim Director Toni Lambert answered questions about the upcoming renovation project at the Little Walnut Creek Branch and about rental spaces at the New Central Library.

8. Announcements:

Commissioner Hersh was named AISD High School Librarian of the Year.
The Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas has reopened with spaces for public programming.

9. Future Agenda Items:

June – FY18 Forecast Budget, briefing from Public Works Department, and discussion of canceling the July meeting
August – discussion of the fee schedule for rental spaces at the New Central Library
September – briefing from the Austin Public Library Foundation

Adjourn: Commission Member Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. without objection.