



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
26 March, 2018**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the Ruiz Branch Library, 1600 Grove Blvd., in Austin, Texas.

Chair Chad Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Chad Williams, Vice Chair Cindy Fisher, Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka, Patricia Dabbert, Aimee Finney, Catherine Hanna, Wendy Price Todd.

Board Members Absent: Commission Members Emily Hersh, Steven Self, and Lynne Wiggins.

Staff in Attendance: Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries, Dana McBee, Assistant Director of Library Support Services, Anne Bramblett, Assistant Director of Public Services, Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, and John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Carlos Leon spoke about the Central Library. Kelly Kiessling, Austin Youth Council, spoke about the possibility of internships at the Library. Ronald Lipinski spoke about accessibility issues at the Central Library.
- 2. Introductions and Welcome:** Chair Williams welcomed Carlos Pin, Manager, Ruiz Branch Library.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting:**

The minutes for the special called meeting of February 26, 2018 were approved on Commission Member Hanna's motion and Commission Member Finney's second on a 6-1 vote. Vice Chair Fisher abstained. Commission Members Hersh, Self, and Wiggins absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Commission Member Dabbert's motion and Commission Member Finney's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Members Hersh, Self, and Wiggins absent.
- 4. Briefing: Status of bandwidth at Austin Public Library locations and the EDGE Initiative**

Joe Faulk, Director of Information Technology, Austin Public Library gave the briefing.
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a. Homelessness Working Group Report**

A report and draft recommendation were presented. The recommendation will be an action item for the April meeting.

6. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action related to Library Rules and City Rules for Public Use of City Properties and whether citizens can distribute materials, including petitions for signature on Austin Public Library property.

The following persons had signed up for Citizen Communication and spoke on this agenda topic: Debbie Russell, IndyAustin; and Jeff Jack, The Austin Neighborhoods Council. No action was taken.

7. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for February 2018 covering programming highlights, volunteer services, revenue, and policy violation statistics:

Commissioners asked about accessibility at the Central Library, the status of renovations at the Austin History Center, and the status of the feasibility plan for the John Henry Faulk Building.

8. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Commission member Dabbert attended the Austin History Center's 85th Anniversary event.

9. Announcements related to Community Events

National Library Week is April 8-14, 2018.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Discussion related to Library Rules and City Rules for Public Use of City Properties and whether citizens can distribute materials, including petitions for signature on Austin Public Library Property

Adjourn: Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.