



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
25 March, 2019**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Terrazas Branch, 1105 E Cesar Chavez St., in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Commission Members Patricia Dabbert, JC Dwyer, Aimee Finney, Catherine Hanna, Deborah Pardo-Kaplan, Steven Self, Beth Smyer, and Chad Williams

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Staff in Attendance:** Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries; Dana McBee, Assistant Director for Library Support Services, Rachel Nguyen, Communications Manager, John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager, Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant, Patti Fowler, Division Manager, Central Library; Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager; Janice Savengrith, Community Services Coordinator; and Shane Wolf, Library Manager

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Carlos Leon spoke about Amazon.com. Charles Peveto spoke about the importance of preserving local Austin history resources.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2018 Regular Meeting:**  
The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Hanna's motion and Commission Member Finney's second on an 8-0 vote.
- 3. Introductions and Welcome:** Chair Williams welcomed new Library Commission Members JC Dwyer and Beth Smyer.
- 4. Presentation and discussion on Library Policies Regarding Minors**  
The following citizens spoke: Carlos Leon, Ashley Deno, Kirsten Nottleson, Njera Keith, Brian Griffith, Jasmine Whitney, Kristina Brown, Njera Keith, Jasmin Patel, Kristina Brown, Amanda Jones, Marian Morris, Mireya Trevino, and Tara Chill  
Library Director Roosevelt Weeks gave a presentation about current APL policies regarding youth.
- 5. Old Business:**
  - a. Recycled Reads Bookstore Working Group Report

The following citizens spoke: Leslie O’Bell and Steve Neel  
The working group will give a progress report in June.

**6. New Business:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on Library Security & Custodial positions  
Carlos Leon spoke. No action taken.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Non-Resident Library card fees  
No action taken.

**7. Discussion of Director’s Monthly Report for March 2019 covering programming highlights, volunteer services, revenue, and policy violation statistics:**

Director Weeks spoke about the six library priorities, wifi hot spot checkout program, staff reorganization, and recent Central programs. Rachel Nguyen spoke about National Library Week and the Kids Block Party.

**8. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:**

Chair Williams visits Central and North Village frequently. Commissioner Self went to Central during Spring break thinking it would be quiet, but it was just as busy as ever. Commissioner Dwyer went to the Two O’Clock Tunes program at Twin Oaks. Commissioner Smyer took her family and boyfriend to Central. They were impressed.

**9. Future Agenda Items:**

- FY20 Forecast Budget Presentation
- Non-Resident Library Card Fee Update
- Officer Elections

**Adjourn:** Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. without objection.