



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
22 July, 2019**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Old Quarry Branch, 7051 Village Center Dr., in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance: Commission Members JC Dwyer, Aimee Finney, Catherine Hanna, Daniella Ramos, Beth Smyer, and Chad Williams

Board Members Absent: Commission Members Patricia Dabbert, Deborah Pardo-Kaplan, and Steven Self.

Staff in Attendance: Rachel Nguyen, Communications Manager, John Daniels, Facilities Planning Manager, Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant, Patti Fowler, Division Manager, Central Library; Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager; and Pamela Bowles, Division Manager, Branch Services.

- 1. Citizen Communication:** Karen Sironi, Chip Harris, and Steve Neel spoke about Recycled Reads Bookstore. Carlos Leon spoke about the North Village Branch Library.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting:**

The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Commission Member Williams' motion and Vice Chair Finney's second on a 6-0 vote. Commission members Dabbert, Pardo-Kaplan, and Self absent.
- 3. Introductions and Welcome:** Ann Minner, Old Quarry Branch Manager, gave an update about branch activities.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on FY20 budget recommendations.

Library Commission Recommendation 20190722-4a1: Support for Austin Library FY20 Budget was approved on Commission Member Williams' motion and Vice Chair Finney's second on a 6-0 vote. Commission members Dabbert, Pardo-Kaplan, and Self absent.

Library Commission Recommendation 20190722-4a2: Support for Addition of 6 FTEs Security and Custodial Staff to the Austin Public Library FY20 Budget was approved on Vice Chair Finney's motion and Commission Member Williams' second on a 6-0 vote. Commission members Dabbert, Pardo-Kaplan, and Self absent.

5. New Business:

a. Discussion of Annual Internal Review and Report

Chair Hanna presented the Library Commission Annual Internal Review and Report.

6. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for July 2019 covering programming highlights, volunteer services, revenue, and policy updates:

Questions were asked about the status of the Hampton and Little Walnut Creek Branch renovation projects. Commission Members Smyer and Dwyer are doing research on what other libraries are doing re civic engagement. They plan to do a presentation for the commission.

7. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:

Commission Member Ramos went to Fix It Clinics at Recycled Reads Bookstore and North Village Branch. Chair Hanna visited the Carver Branch and plans to attend a Night Crafters session at the Spicewood Springs Branch.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Recycled Reads Working Group Wrap-up

Working under the upcoming 3.5% tax cap – possible revenue generators

Opportunities / Challenges of aligning Library metrics with SD23

Adjourn: Chair Hanna adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. without objection.