



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
24 February, 2022**

The Library Commission convened in a Special Called Hybrid Meeting on Thursday, February, 2022 at the Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, #1101, 301 W Cesar Chavez, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Dabbert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: In-person - Chair Pat Dabbert, Commission Members Courtney Rosenthal and Mark Smith

Virtually - Vice Chair Steven Self, Commission Members Julia Aguilar, JC Dwyer, Lynda Infante, Ryan Marquess, and Lily Trieu

Board Members Absent: Eric Frierson

Citizen Communication: General
None

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Dabbert welcomed the Commission members and took roll call of members present.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote.
Commission Member Frierson absent.

3. Briefings: Recycled Reads Bookstore was given by Hannah Terrell, Division Manager, Branch Services; and **Book Selection and Reconsideration Policies** was given by Slaven Lee, Customer Access Division Manager

4. Old Business: none

5. New Business

- a. Presentation and discussion: Discussion of Budget Calendar and Boards and Commissions Recommendations for FY2022-23 Budget, Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager, gave the presentation.
- b. Discussion and possible action on a “Freedom to Read” working group

The creation of a Freedom to Read working group was approved on Commission Member Rosenthal's motion and Commission Member Smith's second on a 9-0 vote. Commission Member Frierson absent. The group will report back to the commission with recommendations for action to support public access to diverse library materials and to resist library censorship efforts.

- c. Discussion of a possible commission planning retreat in March
Chair Dabbert will share two (2) possible dates for a 2-hour planning retreat in March with Commission Members.

6. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for December covering programming highlights, facilities, and APL Priorities

Director of Libraries, Roosevelt Weeks, gave the report.

7. Future Agenda Items

Facilities Update – March 2022

Enhanced Library Cards – March 2022

Civic Engagement – April 2022

Adjournment: Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. without objection