



**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