



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
15, May 2023**

The Library Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library, 835 W. Rundberg Ln, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Mark Smith, Chair, Courtney Rosenthal, Kezia Frayjo, Sheila Mehta

Commission Members in Attendance Remotely: Cristina Masters, Tori Vogel, JC Dwyer

Commission Members Absent: Lynda Infante Huerta, Vice-Chair, Melanie Haupt

Public Communication: General

Kerry McGuire, The Library Foundation, spoke regarding the Mayor's Book Club program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting

The minutes of the March 27, 2023, regular meeting were approved with the update to Commissioner Rosenthal's name on Item #1 on Commission Member Rosenthal's motion and Commissioner Frayjo's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Infante Huerta and Commission Member Haupt absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action on Commission's participation in community engagement opportunities

Chair Smith led the discussion with commission members providing their past and upcoming opportunities to coordinate and participate in community engagement events in their branch libraries and council districts.

3. Discussion of the May Director's Report covering public programming highlights, facilities, and APL priorities

Hannah Terrell, Assistant Director of Public Services, gave the report.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the election of officers

Discussion was held and action taken to elect Commission Chair and Vice Chair Officers. Chair Smith reported that Vice Chair Infante Huerta and he are willing to continue serving for another term but asked if other Commissioners were interested in serving in the roles or in nominating fellow commission members for the roles. Commissioner Rosenthal made the motion to nominate Mark Smith as Chair and Lynda Infante Huerta as Vice Chair. Member Mehta seconded and motion. No other nominations were made. Mark Smith was elected as Chair and Lynda Infante Huerta was elected as Vice Chair on a 6 – 0 vote. Vice Chair Infante Huerta and Commission Member Haupt absent.

5. Discussion and possible action on Legislative Developments

The motion to approve a resolution regarding Opposition to Legislation Pending in the 88th Texas Legislature was approved on Commission Member Rosenthal's motion, Commission Member Freyjo's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Infante Huerta and Commission Member Haupt absent.

6. Discussion and possible action on the support of enhanced library cards

The motion to approve a resolution regarding support for enhanced library cards was approved with the following friendly amendments on Commission Member Mehta motion, Commission Member Freyjo' second on a 6-0 vote. The friendly amendment from Chair Smith included updating language in the second whereas to read, "persons experiencing homelessness, individuals formally incarcerated and members of the immigrant community". The friendly amendments by Commissioner Rosenthal included (1) adding a "WHEREAS, a pilot program has been established and the initial results are positive, and" to the resolution, (2) updating the next whereas to include, "permanent" before the word establishment, and (3) include the word "sustained" before the word implementation in the resolved section.

7. Discussion of Library Commission's Recommendations for FY 2023-24 Budget

The motion to approve a resolution regarding Austin Library Commission Budget Recommendation was approved on Commission Member Vogal's motion, Commission Member Dwyer's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Infante Huerta and Commission Member Haupt absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8. Update from Legislative Issues Working Group

Chair Smith and Commissioner Rosenthal gave the update. Chair Smith thanked the working group for their work and dissolved the group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Engagement Opportunities
Legislative Wrap Up
APL Budget Update – in July
Summer Reading Program
Library App
First Amendment Audits

Adjournment: Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. without objection.

The minutes of the May 15, 2023, special called meeting were approved at the June 26, 2023, meeting on Commission Member Vogel's motion and Commission Member Mehta's second on a 6-0 vote. Commission Members Dwyer, Frayjo and Masters absent.