



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
27, November 2023**

**The Library Commission convened in a meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Carver Branch Library, 1161 Angelina Street, in Austin, Texas.**

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

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Mark Smith, Chair, Lynda Infante Huerta, Vice-Chair, Courtney Rosenthal, Kezia Frayjo, Sheila Mehta, Victoria Vogel, Magen Davis, Andrea Herrera Moreno

**Commission Members Absent:** Melanie Haupt, Christina Masters

**Public Communication: General**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes from the October 23, 2023, regular meeting

The minutes of the October 23, 2023, regular meeting were called for approval on Vice Chair Infante Huerta's motion and Commission Member ~~Herrera~~ Mehta's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Member Haupt and Masters absent.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing regarding Austin Public Library Digital Services, by Amy Mullin, Electronic Resources Librarian.

The presentation was made by Amy Mullin, Electronic Resources Librarian.

3. Staff briefing on updated reconsideration procedures for Austin Public Library team staff and upcoming reconsideration committee, by Christina Nelson, Customer Access Division Manager.

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**WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION**

**4. Report of recommendations by the Unmet Needs Working Group.**

The report of the Unmet Needs Working Groups was given by Vice-Chair Infante Huerta, including a recommendation to expand library access by eliminating the non-resident fee for those who live in limited-purpose and extra-territorial jurisdictions.

Chair Smith appointed the working group to work on additional issues of unmet needs and bring updates and recommendations to future meetings.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**5. Approve a recommendation from the Unmet Needs Working Group regarding expanding library access and eliminating the non-resident fee for those who live in limited-purpose and extra-territorial jurisdictions.**

The motion to approve expanding library access and eliminating the non-resident fee for those who live in limited-purpose and extra-territorial jurisdictions was approved on a motion by Vice Chair Infante Huerta and seconded by Commission Member Davis on a 6-1 vote, with Commission Member Courtney Rosenthal voting against, Commission Members Melanie Haupt and Christina Masters absent and Commission Member Kezia Freyjo off the dais.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**6. Discussion regarding Library Commission outreach and community engagement opportunities.**

Discussion was held regarding recent outreach and community engagement opportunities by Library Commission Members.

**7. Staff briefing on the November Director's Report covering public programming highlights, and APL facilities updates, by Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries**

The presentation was made by Hannah Terrell, Assistant Director of Public Services

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Austin History Center Association  
The Library Foundation  
Immigrant Populations  
Facilities

**Adjournment:** Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. without objection.

*The minutes of the November 27, 2023, regular meeting were approved at the December 18, 2023, meeting with the following amendment on Commission Member Mehta's motion and Commission Member Vogel's second on an 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Infante Huerta and Commission Member Masters absent. The amendment is the removal of "Herrera" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of the approval of the minute's item.*