



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
25, March 2024**

The Library Commission convened in a meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at the Pleasant Hill Branch Library, 211 E. William Cannon Drive, in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Mark Smith, Chair, Lynda Infante Huerta, Vice-Chair, Christina Masters

Commission Members in Attendance Remotely: Steve DeRosa, Magen Davis, Andrea Herrera Moreno

Commission Members Absent: Courtney Rosenthal, Kezia Frayjo, Sheila Mehta

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Daniel Ronan, Austin History Center Association Interim Director, gave public comment to the commission regarding the Austin History Center Association's mission and goals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the January 29, 2023, regular meeting

The minutes of the February 26, 2024, regular meeting were approved on Commission Member Master's motion and Vice Chair Infante Huerta's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Rosenthal, Frayjo, Mehta absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Discussion of the March Director's Report covering public programming highlights, and APL facilities updates, by Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries.

The presentation was made by Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and approval of a recommendation supporting the Austin Public Library's proposed budget for FY2025 with additional funding for unmet needs around books and materials, social workers, security and custodial positions, feasibility studies, and enhanced library cards.

A motion to approve the recommendation supporting the Austin Public Library's proposed budget for FY2025 with additional funding for unmet needs around books and materials, social workers, security and custodial positions, feasibility studies, and enhanced library cards was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Vice Chair Infante Huerta on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Rosenthal, Frayjo, Mehta absent.

4. Discussion and approval for Commission Members to represent the Library Commission at multiple Board and Commission Meetings to advocate for support and funding for Austin Public Library Initiatives.

A motion to approve Commission Members to represent the Library Commission at multiple Board and Commission Meetings to advocate for support and funding for Austin Public Library Initiatives was made by Chair Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Infante Huerta on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Rosenthal, Frayjo, Mehta absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Officer Elections

Recommendation for Library participation in future City Homelessness Planning and Studies
Kids Block Party and Summer Reading Programming at May Meeting

Adjournment: Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. without objection.

The minutes of the March 25, 2024, regular meeting were approved at the April 29, 2024 meeting on Vice Chair Infante Huerta's motion and Commission Member Frayjo's second on a 8-0 vote. Commission Member Masters absent.