



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
03 August 2024**

**The Library Commission convened in a special called meeting on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at the Austn Central Library, in Austin, Texas.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Infante Huerta called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair, Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair Christina Masters, Magen Davis, Steve DeRosa

**Commission Members in Attendance Remotely:** Andrea Herrera Moreno

**Commission Members Absent:** Mark Smith, Kezia Frayjo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes from the June 24, 2024, regular meeting.

**The minutes of the June 24, 2024, regular meeting were approved on Commisison Member DeRosa’s motion and Vice Chair Mehta’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commission Member Smith and Frayjo absent.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library FY25 APL Proposed Budget by Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager II.

**The presentation was made by Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager II.**

3. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Bond Projects and Advocacy Timelines by Cody Scott, Facilities Process Manager, and Baylor Johnson, Public Information & Marketing Program Manager

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Discussion on the Library Commission long-range objectives for the next year

**The Library Commission identified key long-range objectives for the upcoming year, including:**

- **Support for the Austin Public Library budget and department Unmet Needs**
- **Advocacy efforts for library initiatives**
- **Enhanced support for social issues faced by patrons in libraries and integrating social workers into library services.**
- **Strategic Engagement in alignment with the library department to promote support for bond measures.**
- **Access and barriers in the Library**

5. Discussion on ways to support the priorities of the Austin Public Library through advocacy for the next year.

**The Commission discussed the following strategies to support the Austin Public Library's priorities for the next year:**

- **Continue to actively advocate for the integration of social workers into library services to address and assist with the social challenges faced by patrons.**
- **Create opportunities for partnerships to collaborate and advocate for the Austin Public Library with city department groups and other boards and commissions.**
- **Community Engagement through active community involvement by attending events and meeting with branch managers, to build relationships and guided discussions with prepared questions.**
- **Participate in the department's staff development day, allowing commission members to engage with staff and discuss**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Poet Laurarte Committee Discussion  
People's Gallery at City Hall  
Summer Reading Recap  
APL Partnerships**

**Cultural Centers**

**Library Marketing**

**Library Access - card, language, usage of space and services, and barriers**

**Library Foundation Charge and Partnership with APL**

**African American Cultural Heritage Facility**

**Commission Collaboration around future bonds**

**Library App**

**Adjournment:** Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. without objection.

*The minutes of the August 3, 2024, special called meeting were approved at the August 26, 2024, regular meeting on Commission Member DeRosa's motion and Commission Member Davis' second on a 7-0 vote.*