



THE LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Library Commission convened in a special called meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the African American Cultural and Heritage Center, in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Infante Huerta called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair, Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair, Magen Davis, Steve DeRosa, Mark Smith, Andrea Herrera Moreno

Commission Members in Attendance Remotely: Kezia Frayjo

Commission Members Absent: Christina Masters

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Carlos León spoke to the commission regarding various concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the August 26, 2024, special called meeting.

The minutes of the September 23, 2024, special called meeting were approved with the following amendments on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Herrera-Moreno's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Masters absent. The amendments were: the removal of the wording, "*Criminal Trespass Notices received on May 9, 2024, at the Old Quarry and May 13, 2024, at the Howson branch libraries.*", and the addition of the wording, "*various concerns.*"

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on Austin Public Library Security by St. John Requejo, Facilities Services Manager, Ida Garza, Central Security Supervisor, and Lloyd Black, Branch Security Supervisor.

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Carlos León provided public comment to the commission regarding security concerns.

3. Staff briefing on Austin Public Library Partnerships by Jennifer Peters, Division Manager, Programs & Partnerships and Laura Tadena, Community Engagement Librarian.

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

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and creation of a working group to bring forward recommendations on strategic advocacy for library budget and initiatives to City Council.

The Commission approved the creation of a working group to include Commissioner Herrera-Moreno as chair, with Commisisoner Smth, and Commissioner DeRosa to bring forward recommendations on strategic advocacy for library budget and initiatives to City Council with Commissioner Davis' motion and Vice Chair Mehta's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Masters absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Summer Reading Recap
Bond Criteria and Scorecard
Language Support Access
Library App

Adjournment: Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. without objection.