



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
26 August 2024**

**The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the St John Branch Library, 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, , Magen Davis, Steve DeRosa, Mark Smith, Kezia Frayjo, Andrea Herrera Moreno

**Commission Members in Attendance Remotely:** Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair, Christina Masters

**Commission Members Absent:** none

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Carlos León spoke to the commission regarding various concerns.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes from the August 3, 2024, special called meeting.

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

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing on the City of Austin Mentor and Tutor Program by Odera Anyasinti, Program Administrator, COA Mentor/Tutor.

**The presentation was made by Odera Anyasinti, Program Administrator, COA Mentor/Tutor.**

3. Staff Staff briefing on the August 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**

4. Discussion on Board and Commission recommendations related to the Austin Public Library provided in the City of Austin Public Engagement Report.

**The Commission reviewed the Board and Commission recommendations related to the library in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Public Engagement Report. The discussion focused on how to strategically advocate for the library, including providing public comment at council meetings and potentially forming a future workgroup.**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

5. Discussion and approval on a library commission member on the Poet Laurette Committee.

**The Commission approved Commission Member Frayjo to participate on the Poet Laurette Committee with Commission Member Smith's motion and Commission Member Herrera Moreno's second on a 7-0 vote.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Working Group for Budget Recommendations  
Advocating at City Council Meetings  
Library Safety and Security  
Summer Reading Recap**

**Adjournment:** Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. without objection.

*The minutes from the meeting of August 26, 2024 were approved on September 23, 2024, on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Herrera-Moreno's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Masters absent.*