



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
28 OCTOBER 2024**

The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024, at the John Gillum Branch Library, in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Infante Huerta called the Library Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair, Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair, Melissah Hasdorff, Andrea Herrera Moreno

Commission Members in Attendance Remotely: Magen Davis, Mark Smith

Commission Members Absent: Steve DeRosa, Kezia Frayjo, Christina Masters

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Carlos León spoke to the Commission regarding various concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the September 23, 2024, special called meeting.

The minutes from the special called meeting of September 23, 2024, were approved with amendments on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Chair Mehta, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners DeRosa, Frayjo, and Masters absent.

The amendments were as follows:

1. Corrections to the spelling of “African” in the first sentence of the minutes.

2. **Correction of Commissioner Herrera Moreno’s name in the Approval of Minutes and Discussion and Action Items sections’**
3. **Capitalization of the word “Commission” in the Public Comment and Staff Briefing Sections**
4. **Addition of the statement, “Carlos León provided public comment to the Commission regarding approval of minutes concerns” in the Approval of Minutes section.**

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STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on Austin Public Library Summer 2024 Programming by Alanna Graves, Librarian III.

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3. Staff briefing on Austin Public Library Bond Progress Update by Cody Scott, Facilities Process Manager.

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4. Staff briefing on the October Director’s Report covering public programming highlights, and APL facilities updates, by Hannah Terrell, Interim Director of Libraries.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of the 2025 Library Commission Meeting Schedule

The motion to approve the 2025 Library Commission Meeting Schedule was approved on Commissioner Smith’s motion, Commissioner Herrera Moreno’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner DeRosa, Frayjo, and Masters absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

6. Update from the Strategic Advocacy Working Group.

The update was given by Commissioner Herrera Moreno.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hot Spot Recommendation
2026 Bond
Language Support Access
Equity Training, Programming and Partnerships
Adult Programming
Digital Resources Usage
Austin History Center

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. without objection.

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