



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
18 NOVEMBER 2024**

The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at the University Hills Branch Library, in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Infante Huerta called the Library Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair, Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair, Melissah Hasdorff, , Mark Smith, Magen Davis,

Commission Members in Attendance Remotely: Steve DeRosa, Andrea Herrera Moreno, Kezia Frayjo, Christina Masters

Commission Members Absent:

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Carlos León spoke to the Commission regarding various concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the October 28, 2024, special called meeting.

The minutes from the regular meeting on October 28, 2024, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Mehta, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner DeRosa and Herrera Moreno absent during approval.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on Library Community Engagement by Laura Tadena, Community Engagement Librarian, Austin Public Library

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3. Staff briefing on the November 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

4. Approve a recommendation in support of Austin Public Library's hotspot circulation program.

**The motion to increase the spending total allowed by Austin Public Library on the existing City of Austin wireless contract was approved with the following amendment on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Hassdorf's second, on a 9-0 vote. The amendment was: to remove the name T-Mobile from the language.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**2026 Bond  
School Partnerships  
Nature Smart Programming  
Language Access  
Immigrant Services  
Passport Services  
Strategic Plan Roadshow  
Digital Inclusion  
Equity Initiatives  
Adult Programming  
Civic Engagement  
Signature Cultural Programming  
Budget  
Austin History Center  
Innovation Lab  
Poet Laureate**

ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. without objection.**