



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR 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.

The minutes from the November 18, 2024, regular meeting were approved at the December 16, 2024, meeting on a motion by Commissioner Herrera Moreno, seconded by Commissioner Smith, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner DeRosa and Frayjo absent.