



## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

**August 2, 2025 – 12 P.M.**

**Central Library, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Director's Conference Room  
710 W. Cesar Chavez Street  
Austin, Texas**

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and online virtual participation. Some members of the Commission may be participating via video conference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Laura Polio, 512-974-9624, [laura.polio@austintexas.gov](mailto:laura.polio@austintexas.gov).

### **CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair  
Pamela Carlile  
Kezia Frayjo  
Sara Gore  
Andrea Herrera Moreno

Sheila Mehta, Vice Chair  
Magen Davis  
Dr. Suchitra Gururaj  
Melissah Hasdorff  
Edward Selig

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Library Commission regular meeting on June 30, 2025.

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing: "The Best of Both Worlds: Integrating Digital Content and Print Resources" by Christina Nelson, Customer Access Division Manager.

3. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Poet Laureate Program by Zell Miller, III, Poet Laureate.
4. Staff briefing on the 2026 Austin Public Library Centennial Celebrations by Baylor Johnson, Public Information and Marketing Program Manager.
5. Staff Briefing on the Austin Public Library FY2026 Proposed Budget, by John Cabiya, Acting Financial Manager II.
6. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Facilities Updates and Capital Improvement Projects, by Cody Scott, Facilities Process Manager.
7. Staff briefing on the July APL Public Programming Highlights and Facilities Updates, by Hannah Terrell, Interim Director of Libraries.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. Presentation by Kathy Mitchell, Senior Advisor, Equity Action: “Waiting for Library Books: Can We Reduce Wait Times to Improve This Core Service?”
9. Discussion on Recent Library Article by Zac Bissonnette in The Free Press.
10. Discussion of the Library Commission 2024 Annual Internal Review and Report.
11. Discussion on Long-Range Objectives and Advocacy Strategies to Support Austin Public Library Priorities for the Next Year.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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