



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 02, 2025**

**The Library Commission convened a special called meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Austin Central Library in Austin, Texas.**

**Due to technical difficulty, there is no audio recording available for this meeting and all action taken will be taken at a future meeting.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Infante Huerta called the Library Commission meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair  
Sheila Mehta, Vice-Chair  
Pamela Carlile  
Magen Davis  
Sara Gore  
Dr. Suchitra Gururaj  
Melissah Hasdorff  
Andrea Herrera Moreno  
Edward Selig

**Commissioners Absent:**

Kezia Frayjo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Carlos León provided public comment to the Commission regarding various concerns.**

**Zenobia Joseph provided public comment to the Commission regarding various concerns.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**The June 30, 2025, minutes were approved at the August 2, 2025, special called meeting on a motion by Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioners Carlile. The motion passed on a 9–0 vote. Commissioner Frayjo was absent.**

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### **STAFF BRIEFING**

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

**The briefing was presented by Christina Nelson, Customer Access Division Manager.**

3. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Poet Laureate Program by Zell Miller, III, Poet Laureate.

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4. Staff briefing on the 2026 Austin Public Library Centennial Celebrations by Baylor Johnson, Public Information and Marketing Program Manager.

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5. Staff Briefing on the Austin Public Library FY2026 Proposed Budget, by John Cabiya, Acting Financial Manager II.

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6. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Facilities Updates and Capital Improvement Projects, by Cody Scott, Facilities Process Manager.

**The briefing was postponed to the August 25, 2025, meeting without objection.**

7. Staff briefing on the July APL Public Programming Highlights and Facilities Updates, by Hannah Terrell, Interim Director of Libraries.

**Hannah Terrell, Interim Director, yielded her time for the Commission to address other matters on the agenda.**

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### **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?”

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**Zenobia Joseph provided public comment to the Commission regarding various concerns.**

9. Discussion on Recent Library Article by Zac Bissonette in The Free Press.

**The discussion was postponed to the August 25, 2025, meeting without objection.**

10. Discussion of the Library Commission 2024 Annual Internal Review and Report.

**Chair Infante Huerta provided an overview of the Library Commission 2024 Annual Internal Review and Report to the commission.**

11. Discussion on Long-Range Objectives and Advocacy Strategies to Support Austin Public Library Priorities for the Next Year.

**The discussion was postponed to the August 25, 2025, meeting without objection.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Needs of Aging Library Users  
Bond and Advocacy  
Strategic Plan  
Centennial Committee Planning**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. without objection.**

*The August 2, 2025, minutes were approved at the August 25, 2025, regular meeting on a motion by Commissioner Hasdorff, seconded by Commissioner Guraraj. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Davis was absent.*