



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025**

The Library Commission convened a regular meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Twin Oaks Library in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Infante Huerta called the Library Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Magen Davis

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Name: Carlos León Topic: Hannah Terrell

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 25, 2025, regular meeting on a motion by Commissioner Selig, seconded by Commissioners Hasdorff. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Davis was absent.

2. Approve the minutes of the Library Commission Special Called meeting on August 2, 2025.

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

Carlos León provided public communication to the Commission.

STAFF BRIEFING

3. Staff briefing on the Austin Public Library Strategic Plan Update by Katherine Cantrell, Interim Chief Administrative Officer.

The briefing was presented by Katherine Cantrell, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Joe Faulk, Information Technology Manager.

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

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

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Discussion on Recent Library Article by Zac Bissonnette in The Free Press.

The Commission discussed the Recent Library Article, *The Death of the Public Library*, by Zac Bissonnette in The Free Press.

Carlos León provided public communication to the Commission.

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

The Commission discussed future objectives and advocacy strategies to support the Austin Public Library over the next year. The conversation focused on gaining deeper understanding of key issues and exploring collaboration with other commissions and

community partners to strengthen advocacy and build capacity toward developing recommendations. Areas of interest included the 2026 bond, the Library's Centennial, services for unhoused and aging populations, budget priorities, and technology access.

Carlos León signed up to speak on the item but waived their time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Equity
APL Community Service Providers
St. John's Shared Use Space

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. without objection.

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