



**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.

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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.

STAFF BRIEFING

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

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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 their time for the Commission to address other matters on the agenda.

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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9. Discussion on Recent Library Article by Zac Bissonnette 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.

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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.