THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

The Library Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the St. John Branch Library in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Infante Huerta called the Library Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Lynda Infante Huerta, Chair	Edward Selig, Vice-Chair
Sara Gore	Dr. Suchitra Gururaj
Melissah Hasdorff	Elizabeth Hansen
Sheila Mehta	Holly Sabiston

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Pamela Carlile	Andrea Herrera Moreno

Commissioners Absent:

Lorrie Ann Mitchel

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Library Commission regular meeting on April 27, 2026.

The minutes meeting were approved, as amended, on a motion by Commissioner Gore and a second by Commissioner Hansen. The motion passed on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Mitchel absent.

The approved amendments correct the spelling of the name "Scanlon" by changing the character "i" to "l" on line 2 and line 5 of Page 2, under Agenda Item 2 in the Discussion section.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

2. Update from Working Group regarding Austin as a Book Safe Harbor.

   Commissioner Mehta provided the update.

STAFF BRIEFING

3. Staff briefing on Austin Public Library Reconsideration Process by Christina Nelson, Branch Services Division Manager, Austin Public Library.

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4. Staff briefing on Summer at Austin Public Library and Kids Block Party, by Alanna Graves, Librarian III, Austin Public Library.

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

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Book Safe Harbor Working Group
One ATS Reorganization
Recycled Reads

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Infante Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. without objection.

The May 18, 2026, minutes meeting were approved, at the June 29th regular meeting, on a motion by Vice Chair Selig and a second by Commissioner Mitchel. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mehta, Hasdorff, Gururaj and Herrera Moreno absent.