



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
26, May, 2015**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Yarborough Branch, 2200 Hancock Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Olga Wise called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Olga Wise, Vice Chair Patricia Dabbert, Commission Members Sharon Kahn, Ben Ornelas, Michelle Rosenblatt, Wendy Price Todd and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: none

Staff in Attendance: Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager; Jackson Featherston, City of Austin Budget Analyst

1. **Citizen Communication:** Carlos Leon addressed the Commission about customer service issues.
2. **Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2015 Regular Meeting**
The minutes from the meeting of April 27, 2015 were approved with the following amendment on Vice Chair Dabbert's motion, Commission Member Ornelas' second on a 7-0 vote. The amendment was to include Joe Faulk's presentation on technology planned for the new Central Library.
3. **Presentation:** Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, presented the Austin Public Library FY16 Forecast Budget
4. **Old Business:** Update on Virtual Library card for AISD students
The pilot sites are Crockett High School and Martin Middle School. No applications have been received at Crockett. One has been received at Martin and more are expected during the last week of May.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of Austin Public Library FY16 Forecast Budget
Commission members suggested to Jackson Featherston, City of Austin Budget Analyst, that Library hours be increased or at least be held at FY15 levels and that the Library budget should be increased to support increased hours and technology to extend the

library outside its physical locations. He will include the suggestions in his budget report to the City Manager.

- b. Discussion of changing the date for the June 2015 meeting.
The date will remain as originally scheduled, June 22, 2015.

- c. **Branch Liaison Briefings**
Library commission members reported on visits to their assigned branches.

6. Announcements: none

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of list of things new Library commissioners should know

Adjourn: Chair Wise adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. without objection.