



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
28, September, 2015**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.**

**Executive Liaison Toni Lambert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka, Patricia Dabbert, Aimee Finney, Cindy Fisher, Emily Hersh, Steven Self, Wendy Price Todd, Lynne Wiggins and Chad Williams

**Board Members Absent:** Commission Member Scott MacLeod

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager; and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

**1. Citizen Communication:** None

**2. Approval of Minutes from the August 24, 2015 Regular Meeting:** The minutes from the meeting of August 24, 2015 were approved on Commission Member Williams' motion, Commission Member Dabbert's second on an 8-0 vote. Commission Member Fisher off the dais. Commission Member MacLeod absent.

**3. Presentation: Austin Public Library Approved FY16 Budget:** Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, outlined highlights from the FY16 Approved Library Budget.

**4. Election of Officers:**

Elections for Chair- Commission Member Wiggins nominated Commission Member Dabbert for Chair and she accepted. Having no other nominations, Commission Member Patricia Dabbert was elected Chair on a 9-0 vote. Commission Member MacLeod absent.

Elections for Vice Chair - Commission Member Williams nominated Commission Member Price Todd for Vice Chair and she accepted; Commission Member Price Todd nominated Commission Member Williams for Vice Chair and he accepted. Commission Member Williams was elected Vice Chair on a 6-3 vote. Those members voting in favor of Commission Member Williams were: Chair Dabbert, Commission Members Williams, Wiggins, Price Todd, Bogucka and Fisher. Those voting in favor of Commission Member Price Todd were Commission Members Finney, Hersh, and Self. Commission Member MacLeod absent.

**5. Election of Joint Cultural Committee Representative:**

Vice Chair Williams nominated Commission Member Price Todd and she accepted. Commission Members Finney and Bogucka nominated themselves. Following three inconclusive voting rounds, the motion to postpone this item to October 26, 2015 was approved on Commission Member Wiggins' motion, Vice Chair Williams' second on a 9-0 vote. Commission Member MacLeod absent.

**6. Approval of Bylaws:**

The following revisions to the draft were proposed: Article 8. Committees (A) The Library Commission will have no *standing* committees. Change the second (A) to (B). The motion to postpone this item to October 26, 2015 was approved on Vice Chair Williams' motion, Commission Member Hersh's second on a 9-0 vote. Commission Member MacLeod absent.

**7. Meeting Frequency:** The motion to hold Library Commission Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6-8 PM, beginning January 2016 was approved on Commission Member Finney's motion, Commission Member Bogucka's second on a 7-2 vote. Commission Members voting aye were Chair Dabbert, Vice Chair Williams, Commission Members Bogucka, Finney, Fisher, Hersh and Self. Commission Members voting nay were Price Todd and Wiggins. Commission member MacLeod absent.

**8. Discussion of Commission Liaisons to Library Branches:** Commission members volunteered to be liaisons to the following branches: Chair Dabbert, Spicewood Springs and Recycled Reads Book Store; Vice Chair Williams, Yarborough and North Village; Commission Member Bogucka, Carver, University Hills and Windsor Park; Commission Member Finney, Southeast and Pleasant Hill; Commission Member Fisher, Ruiz, Terrazas, Cepeda and Willie Mae Kirk; Commission Member Hersh, St. John and Little Walnut; Commission Member Self, Manchaca Road; Commission Member Price Todd, Twin Oaks, Faulk Central and Austin History Center; Commission Member Wiggins, Howson.

**9. Staff Briefings:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries, Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; and Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, gave briefings.

**10. Announcements:** CenTex PATH (Partners in Austin Transforming Health) holding conference on Social Inequality and Health, October 1, 2015 – would be good for Library staff involved with My Library Keeps Me Healthy Grant to attend.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Creation of Budget Subcommittee (for February 2016 meeting); Discussion of how Austin Public Library can do promotions in other City facilities following the example of the Free Library of Philadelphia

**Adjourn:** Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. without objection.