



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
27 January, 2020**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Ruiz Branch, 1600 Grove Blvd, in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Hanna called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Catherine Hanna, Vice Chair Aimee Finney, Commission Members Julia Aguilar, Patricia Dabbert, JC Dwyer, Deborah Pardo-Kaplan, and Steven Self

**Board Members Absent:** Commission Members Daniella Ramos and Chad Williams

**Staff in Attendance:** Dana McBee, Assistant Director for Support Services, John Daniels, Facilities Planning Manager; Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships; Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant; Wendy Harrison, Financial Manager; Patti Fowler, Division Manager, Central Library; and Pamela Bowles, Division Manager, Branch Service

**Citizen Communication:** Carlos León spoke about computers at branch libraries.

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Ruiz Branch Manager.** Branch Manager Carlos Pin was unable to attend. Youth Librarian Heather Athas gave an overview of services and programs at the Ruiz Branch.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting:**  
The minutes of the regular meeting were approved on Commission Member Dabbert's motion and Vice Chair Finney's second on a 7-0 vote.
- 3. Briefing: The Library Foundation Update.** Cecily Sailer, Programs & Events Director for the Foundation gave the update.  
**Briefing: Austin Strategic Direction 2023 – Economic Opportunity and Affordability.** Sharon Herfurth, Office of Programs & Partnerships and Emi Johnson, Business Process Consultant gave the briefing.
- 4. Old Business**
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**5. New Business:**

a. Discussion and possible action on Fine Free Libraries. Chair Hanna appointed a working group consisting of Chair Hanna and Commission Members Dwyer and Self.

**6. Discussion of Director's Monthly Report for December 2019 covering programming highlights, facilities, and APL Priorities:**

Carlos León spoke. Questions were asked about the status of the proposed renovations for the Old Quarry Branch and about the process for public input in the design phase of renovations. A question was asked about the new "APL for All" equity, diversity, and inclusion training for staff.

**7. Discussion of commissioner visits to branch libraries:**

Commissioner Self visited the Manchaca Road Branch and found it a busy as he had ever seen it. Commissioner Aguilar commented on her visit to the Recycled Reads Gift Shop at Central.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

Briefing on proposed Old Quarry Branch renovations (March)

Update on Recycled Reads Bookstore plans (March)

SD2023 Alignment – Mobility

APL Bookmobile Services

Briefing on FY21 Budget Process

Update on Implementation of New Youth Policies

**Adjourn:** Chair Hanna adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. without objection.