



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
18 June, 2022**

**The Library Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Central Library, 710 W Cesar Chavez, in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Mark Smith, Commission Members Julia Aguilar, Pat Dabbert, JC Dwyer, Cristina Masters, Courtney Rosenthal, and Steven Self

**Board Members Absent:** Vice-Chair Lynda Infante and Commission Member Ryan Marquess

**Citizen Communication: General**

None

**1. Commissioners' Brief Introductions**

Commissioners introduced themselves and Chair Smith outlined the process for planning for the day.

**2. Discussion of Library Commission long-range objectives, including how to:**

- **Build relationships with the Library's support groups, The Library Foundation and The Austin History Center Association**
- **Support the priorities of the Austin Public Library (Literacy Advancement, Workforce and Economic Development, Digital Inclusion, STEM and Computer Training, Outreach and Community Engagement, Staff Development, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion)**

The following were discussed:

- Workgroups – at future board meeting the Commission will form two initial working groups to address library and/or community issues.
  - Board Development / Training (including advocacy)
  - Community Engagement
- Chair Smith will attend Library Foundation Meetings.
- The Commission will determine ways to become a more activist board on behalf of the Library
- Commissioners will host *Commissioner Open Houses* at their Branches
- The Commission will work to define the role of the Library Commission. This could include training from United for Libraries (ALA) or Urban Library Council.

- The Commission will look at what Nashville Public Library did with Banned Books Library Cards and determine if there is something similar APL can do.

**3. Discussion of Potential Agenda Topics for Future Meetings, July 2022 – June 2023**

Homeless Organizations

Food Banks

Meals on Wheels

Google Fiber and Technology Groups

Library Marketing

Volunteers

Facility Issues

Strategic Planning Process

Hotspots and Digital Access

eBook Pricing and Purchasing

Equity in Service (how we serve different groups like incarcerated, 20-40 year olds, traffic, homebound, etc)

Enhanced Library Cards

Library Programming – Program Coordinators and Austin Completely Booked

**Adjournment:** Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the July 25 meeting on Commission Member Rosenthal's motion, Commission Member Dabbert's second on a 7-0 vote. Commission Member Aguilar absent.