

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2025
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee)
Sofia R. Araya Abbas (District 1)
Meg Johannsen (District 2)
Tom O. Rodriguez (District 3)
Mario Suarez (District 4)
Renee Barbee (District 5)
Vacant (District 6)

Others Present:

Mark Gluba, Assistant City Manager
Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services / Board Secretary

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

210. There was no public comment.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

310. Approval of the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025.

320. Approval to Cancel the December 2025 Board of Library Trustees Meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SNIDER AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BARBEE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Snider donated primary resources from her family's collection to Claremont Colleges. Vice Chair Johannsen attended Lego Club with her son. Trustee Araya presented at the California Library Association conference.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**510. Presentation from Jocelyn Ayala, Art in Public Places Program**

Manager. Ms. Ayala and Ata Khan, Deputy Director for the Office of Economic & Business Affairs, presented a plan to install a mural outside of the library building.

520. Report from Allan Lagumbay, Special Collections. Mr. Lagumbay delivered a presentation on the Lavine Penley letters.

530. Report from the Local Authors Event Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Rodriguez reflected on the event, gathered feedback and reported on what was learned to make the next event even more successful.

540. Presentation by Trustee Suarez of a Design Option and Potential Placement Location Within the Library, for the Poet Laureate Name Plaque. Trustee Suarez presented a photo of a plaque that can be ordered. Trustees agreed and also discussed ideas for what to include on the plaque along with where to place it when it is received.

550. Planning for Recruitment of the Next Junior Poet Laureate. The trustees discussed whether the program could continue at this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SNIDER AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JOHANNSEN TO DISCONTINUE THE JUNIOR POET LAUREATE PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).

560. Discussion of Potential Collaboration Opportunities with Natalie Sierra, Poet Laureate. The Board requested that Ms. Torres contact Ms. Sierra to ask if she can attend the meeting scheduled for January 21, 2026.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library. Ms. Torres thanks the Friends for hosting a pizza fundraiser.

620. Library Foundation. Bree Hsieh announced that a Foundation donor reception is being planned for late January, that to new members are joining the Foundation board, that progress was being made in partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, that plans are in the works for building a new log cabin for the children's patio with the assistance of local Girl Scout troops, and that a couple of new tables were ordered for Homework Club.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL). Mr. Clifford reported the group continues to be on alert for ways to help if needed.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. Deputy Director of Library Services. Ms. Torres reported that a food and hygiene collection bin will be placed in the Library lobby, to collect items for care packages being put together by Cal Poly Pomona students. Ms. Torres reported the Santa and Grinch event will be held on Wednesday December 17th from 3pm-5pm.

720. Assistant City Manager. Mr. Gluba reported that renovations in the Library basement and staff areas will begin in December and last approximately through March. This item will be back on the agenda in January and will remain until the conclusion of the project.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday January 21, 2026.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:40 PM.
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary
ATTEST:

Tom Rodriguez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees