

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
July 17, 2024
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Suarez called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee) –
Mario Suarez (District 1) -
Meg Johannsen (District 2) – arrived at 5:07
Tom O. Rodriguez (District 3) –
Debra Martin (District 4) – ABSENT
Renee Barbee (District 5) -
Arwa Hammad (District 6) - ABSENT

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 Library Board Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BARBEE AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (5-0).

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

• **410.** Trustees reported on having visited different libraries while on vacation and gave positive feedback on PPL’s Summer Reading Program. Vice Chair Rodriguez asked

about Zip Books. Trustee Barbee announced having been named Pomona's Woman of the Year.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Update on Library Infrastructure Project – Mr. Gluba reported there will be a job walkthrough on July 18th and the project rebid due date is August 7th.

520. Update on Library Programs and Events – Ms. Torres reported on the upcoming Summer Reading Program events, the End of Summer Foam Party, and the tentative planning through September until updates are received regarding building renovation dates.

530. Staff Updates.

Ms. Torres announced a new Library Assistant II has been hired, and this person will primarily be responsible for opening and running the Passport Office. Allan Lagumbay announced there was team on site from Dartmouth University, researching the Padua Hills collection. Mr. Lagumbay introduced Professor Matt Garcia and his team. Mr. Garcia gave a brief overview of the project that he and his team are working on.

540. Review and Discussion of an Application and Letter of Interest That Was Received for the City of Pomona's First Junior Poet Laureate.

<p>DOCUMENTS WERE REVIEWED AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR SUAREZ AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BARBEE, TO APPOINT KEA LEE AS POMONA'S JUNIOR POET LAUREATE FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JULY 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 2025. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (5-0).</p>

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. FOPPL – On behalf of the Friends, Ms. Torres reported the group won a \$250 Smart & Final grant, and the group funded prizes for the Tween/Teen Summer Reading Program party.

620. PPLF - Bree Hsieh announced the Foundation had raised more funds this fiscal year than the previous, that new tables purchased for the Library had arrived, and that two new paid positions were being funded for roles to help support the Foundation.

630. SOPPL – John Clifford reported the group had met and discussed actions but there was nothing to report at this time.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. Deputy Director of Library Services - Ms. Torres thanked the Board and community organizations for their continued support of the Pomona Public Library in service of the community. Ms. Torres announced that Pomona Poet Laureate Ceasar Avelar was planning an event to recognize local poet Matt Sedillo. Ms. Torres reported that LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis’s office had been in contact regarding potential funding for a project in the children’s room.

720. Assistant City Manager – Mr. Gluba reported the City holiday closures for December 2024 and January 2025, and announced the Library is working on a similar schedule that also accommodates the work needs of hourly staff.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday September 18th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

VICE CHAIR RODRIGUEZ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:15PM.

Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Mike Suarez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees