

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2025
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Gordillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee)
Sofia R. Araya Abbas (District 1)
Meg Johannsen (District 2) – ABSENT
Tom O. Rodriguez (District 3)
Mario Suarez (District 4)
Renee Barbee (District 5)
Alexis L. Gordillo (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 Library Board Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2025.

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Chair Rodriguez and Trustee Snider reported having enjoyed their attendance at the Serving with a Purpose Conference. Trustee Barbee reported having attended the City Council meeting when Allan Lagumbay was awarded Preservationist of the Year. Trustee Araya Abbas spoke about her involvement with REFORMA.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Discussion of Senate Bill 1383. Ms. Torres reported that public libraries will not need to comply with the paper procurement requirements.

520. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Recognition of Poet Laureate and Junior Poet Laureate. Trustee Gordillo suggested a collaboration with Fairplex. Bree Hsieh announced the Poet Laureate and Junioe Poet Laureate were invited to speak at the upcoming Mayor's Gala hosted by the Pomona Public Library Foundation. There was a discussion about recognizing the poets at an upcoming City Council meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SNIDER AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SUAREZ TO RECOGNIZE POET LAUREATE NATALIE SIERRA AND JUNIOR POET LAUREATE KEA LEE AT THE JULY 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).

530. Report from the Local Authors Event ad hoc committee and discussion regarding event to be tentatively scheduled for August or September 2025. Chair Rodriguez discussed some ideas and recommended adding the item to future agendas so details and timing could be further considered.

540. Discussion regarding the scheduling of the June 18, 2025 Board of Library Trustees meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SNIDER AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BARBEE TO MOVE THE START TIME OF THE JUNE 18, 2025 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING TO 4:00 PM INSTEAD OF 5:00 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).

550. Discussion Regarding FY 2025-26 Library Proposed Budget. The proposed budget document was provided for review. Staff and Trustees discussed.

560. Library infrastructure Project and Operational Plans Update. Staff provided updates and a photo slideshow of construction progress was shown.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library On behalf of the Friends group. Ms. Torres reported that FOPPL will be helping to fund Crochet Lab, Gardening Club, and Children's Summer Reading during FY 2025-26.

620. Library Foundation Bree Hsieh provided updates on the Mayor's Gala, Homework Club, Summer Excursions, and some upcoming changes to a more sustainable fundraising structure.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) Duane Smith reported on censorship efforts at Newport Beach Public Library and Pomona Unified School District. Mr. Smith reported that PPL staff members Allan Lagumbay and Julia Bourbois attended the SOPPL meeting as an outreach effort.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. Deputy Director of Library Services Ms. Torres announced Summer Reading Program details, reported on PPL outreach efforts within the community, and introduced a survey that will be distributed to the public regarding Library open hours Monday – Thursday post-construction. Ms. Torres reported that PPL had successfully executed an MOU with PUSD for staff to work at school sites but that it may not happen because of summer school only being held at certain locations. Ms. Torres announced that library staff members Mara Wallace, Michelle Gover, and Maria Marquez had received 10 years of service pins from the City.

720. Assistant City Manager Mr. Gluba announced that Allan Lagumbay had been awarded City of Pomona Preservationist of the Year.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:45 PM.
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Tom Rodriguez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees