

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2026
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 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) – Arrived at 5:06
- Renee Barbee (District 5)
- Vacant (District 6)

Others Present:

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

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 210.** There was no public comment.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 310.** Approval of the Library Board Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2026

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Vice Chair Johannsen attended Lego Club with her son. Trustee Araya shared about “The Trustee Project” survey.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Report from the Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Committee. The committee met and has reached out to the Cultural Arts Commission for partnership on developing a policy.

520. Update on Library Building Improvements. Mr. Gluba reported there is a slight delay on downstairs construction because hallway ceiling would likely need to be replaced with drywall instead of acoustic tiles.

530. Recent and Upcoming Library Events and Programs. – Daniel Maldonado reported on Lunar New Year storytime event.

540. Special Collections. Allan Lagumbay presented on the Frasher Foto collection.

550. Library Budget Update and Discussion. – Mr. Gluba reported on budget forecasts which include the likelihood of continued reductions related to Measure Y.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library – Recruiting volunteers.

620. Library Foundation Duane Smith reported the Foundation is funding performances and giveaways for weekly storytimes, will begin funding additional crochet classes in partnership with the Friends, and continues to pursue ways to help fund patio improvements. The annual Mayor’s Gala is scheduled for Thursday June 4th and the theme is “Around the World in 80 Days”. The Foundation honored additional donors and awardees at a Reception on February 7th.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) – The group continues to meet and consider potential actions in support of the Library.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. Deputy Director of Library Services – ABSENT.

720. Assistant City Manager – Nothin additional to report.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday March 18, 2026.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:20 PM.

Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Tom Rodriguez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees