

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 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 Suarez 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. John Clifford announced details regarding the Pomona Christmas Parade, scheduled for Saturday December 13th.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

310. Approval of the Board of Library Trustees meeting minutes September 17, 2025. A typo was noted within section 550 of the minutes, where Mark Gluba was referred to as Mark rather than Mr. Gluba. A correction was requested.

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Vice Chair Johannsen attended Lego Club at the Library with her son. All trustees attended the Local Authors Event and expressed thanks and congratulations to the ad hoc committee for planning and organizing it. Chair Rodriguez and Trustee Barbee gave kudos to staff and the community for the successful Library Reopening Event, which most trustees attended.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Recommendation to Remove Trustee Alexis L. Gordillo from the Board of Library Trustees. No action required. Ms. Gordillo emailed a resignation letter to Board Secretary Ms. Torres on the morning of October 15th, 2025. The letter was forwarded to Chair Rodriguez.

520. Update on Passport Services. Daniel Maldonado presented statistics showing that more than 50 passport applications had been processed and more than \$2,000 in revenue had been brought in since the office opened in September.

530. Report from the Local Authors Event Ad Hoc Committee. Vice Chair Rodriguez, Trustee Johannsen and Trustee Suarez thanked the Board members, PPL Foundation, and Library staff for their support of the event. The committee reported the experience was reviewed as positive and successful by both the authors and the attendees. They also reported that much was learned from the experience and can be put into practice for the next event.

540. Approval of Revised Collection Development Policy in Compliance with the CA Freedom to Read Act.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BARBEE AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ARAYA TO APPROVE THE REVISED POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).
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550. Library Program Events and Updates. Ms. Torres announced the Library Trick or Treat event scheduled for October 29th and the Dia de los Muertos event scheduled for November 5th.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library. On behalf of FOPPL, John Clifford reported the group is researching grant opportunities.

620. Library Foundation. On behalf of the Foundation, Tom Rodriguez announced the Foundation will be funding the restoration of terrazzo flooring in the three Library patios/atriums.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) On behalf of SOPPL, Mr. Clifford reported the Thursday October 2nd Library Reopening event was impressive and well attended, while the Saturday October 4th event was a nonstarter.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. City Clerk. Rosalia Butler attended the meeting to answer questions regarding Trustee absences and related topics. Ms. Butler spoke about upcoming training opportunities for commission members. Ms. Butler thanked the Trustees for their service.

720. Deputy Director of Library Services. Ms. Torres thanked the Board for their support of the Library. Ms. Torres announced that Allan Lagumbay and Julia Bourbois exhibited PPL Special Collections at the LA Archives Bazaar. Ms. Torres announced a major shifting project underway in the adult fiction and young adult areas.

730. Assistant City Manager Mr. Gluba reported there were no roof leaks during the first significant rain of the season. Mr. Gluba announced the closure of Baker & Taylor which will affect book ordering processes.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday November 19, 2025.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:03 PM.
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary
ATTEST:

Chair, Library Board of Trustees