

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2025
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Johannsen called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Araya 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) – ABSENT
Mario Suarez (District 4) – ABSENT
Renee Barbee (District 5)
Alexis L. Gordillo (District 6)

Others Present:

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

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

210. There was no public comment.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

310. No items on the Consent Calendar.

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Snider reported having attended the Mayor's Gala and pronounced it an amazing event, Trustee Barbee reported having covered the event for La Nueva Voz,

and there were many compliments from the group about the event overall. Trustee Johannsen mentioned the upcoming Humane Heroes event in partnership with the Inland Valley Humane Society, said she plans to attend with her son.

500. PRESENTATION

510. A video was shown of Allan Lagumbay receiving the Preservationist of the Year award by the City of Pomona Historic Preservation Commission at the May 5, 2025 City Council meeting.

600. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

610. Report from the Local Authors Event Ad Hoc Committee. Vice Chair Johannsen reported the committee has begun contacting authors and several have accepted, pending the event date.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SNIDER AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JOHANNSEN TO HOLD THE 2025 LOCAL AUTHOR'S EVENT ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 AT THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY PENDING AVAILABILITY OF THE SPACE. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (5-0).

620. Update on Library Programs and Events. Staff provided an updated schedule of events for June and July children, teen, and adult programs and events.

630. Discussion Regarding Poet Laureate Recognition at the July 7, 2025 City Council Meeting. Ms. Torres confirmed that certificates of recognition had been prepared and would be presented at the beginning of the 7/7/2025 City Council meeting and encouraged Trustees to attend in support if they are available.

640. Library infrastructure Project and Operational Plans Update. Ms. Torres reported the roof demolition has been delayed but the overall project completion date remained unchanged. Ms. Torres reported that a few staff have requested to move their workstations from City Hall back to the Library.

700. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

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

720. Library Foundation Duane Smith reported the Mayor's Gala was a huge financial success.

730. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) John Clifford reported ongoing monitoring of the PUSD Board elections.

800. STAFF COMMUNICATION

810. Deputy Director of Library Services Ms. Torres thanked everyone for their support of PPL. Ms. Torres reported that staff were seeking guidance and discussing potential response if there were an ICE raid at the Library or during a program or event.

820. Assistant City Manager Mr. Gluba was not present at the meeting.

900. ADJOURNMENT

910. Adjournment to Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:00 PM.
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Tom Rodriguez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees