

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2025
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:04 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)
Alexis L. Gordillo (District 6) – Absent

Others Present:

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

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

210. No public comments

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

310. Approval of the Library Board Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2025

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Johannsen reported on the Library Board's participation in the Friends of the Pomona Public Library annual Trivia Bee. Chair Rodriguez, Trustee Johannsen, and Trustee Snider were on the team and they finished in 2nd place. Trustee

Barbee mentioned covering the Trivia Bee on behalf of La Nueva Voz. Trustee Araya Abbas encouraged attendance at the upcoming Serving with a Purpose conference. Chair Rodriguez congratulated SOPPL (Support Our Pomona Public Library) on winning 1st place at the Trivia Bee and expressed gratitude for the participation from community organizations.

500. PRESENTATION

510. National Library Week. Ms. Torres announced that a proclamation was received at the April 7th City Council meeting, and that it was accepted on behalf of the Library by staff members Crystal Orosco and Jeff McElroy.

520. Presentation by Youth Commissioner. Gladis Cabrera, City of Pomona Youth Commissioner and student at Ipoly, delivered a presentation titled “The Importance of Youth Programs in Libraries” which was part of a school assignment.

600. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

610. Library Infrastructure Project and Operational Plan Updates. Ms. Torres reported on plans for staff to temporarily relocate to City Hall, and also reported that construction fencing would soon be installed around the Library building

620. Budget Update. Mr. Gluba reported on Fiscal Year 2025-26 tentative plans regarding Library budget, along with concerns for the City budget and Measure Y.

630. Update Regarding Special Collections. Mr. Lagumbay discussed efforts put into place to protect items during the Library construction/renovation project, answered questions from the Board, mentioned plans to attend the Archivist’s Bazaar in Fall of 2025, and reported on projects that he and Ms. Bourbois would be working on while temporarily located at City Hall.

700. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

710. Friends of the Pomona Public Library – Nothing to report.

720. Library Foundation – Ms. Hsieh reminded the group about the temporary relocation of Homework Club to the Mendoza Center, passed out Library Foundation Gala save-the-date cards, asked for anyone interested in attending the Serving with a Purpose

conference, and announced the Foundation funded landscaping project on the Garey side of the library building had been completed.

730. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) – John Clifford reiterated their concerns over potential book protests at PUSD meetings and confirmed the group was still preparing to respond if needed. Mr. Clifford spoke about participation in the Trivia Bee, and being on the team that won 1st place.

800. STAFF COMMUNICATION

810. Deputy Director of Library Services – Ms. Torres reported on the drastic fund reduction at the IMLS (Institution of Museum and Library Services) and how that will have a trickle-down effect on State and local funding opportunities. Ms. Torres reported that Library staff had outreach tables at the Community Services egg hunt events and that Library staff have plans for many more outreach tables upcoming.

820. Assistant City Manager – Mr. Gluba thanked Library staff for their hard work adjusting to the many recent changes.

900. ADJOURNMENT

910. Adjournment to Wednesday May 21st, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:44 PM.
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Tom Rodriguez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees