

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2024
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Suarez called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Johannsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

- Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee) –
- Mario Suarez (District 1) -
- Meg Johannsen (District 2) –
- Tom O. Rodriguez (District 3) –
- Debra Martin (District 4) –
- Renee Barbee (District 5) -
- Arwa Hammad (District 6) - ABSENT

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: July 17, 2024.
- 320.** Approval of the July 2024 - June 2025 Library Holiday Closure Dates.

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Martin and Trustee Johannsen acknowledged the work of staff on several successful Summer events.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Recommendation to City Council for Removal of Arwa Hammad from the Board of Library Trustees Due to Number of Absences From Meetings During the 2024 Calendar Year, in Accordance with Attendance Policy in the Standard Bylaws. Ms. Torres reported that Arwa Hammad resigned from the Board of Library Trustees via email, effective 9/12/24.

520. Staffing Updates. Ms. Torres introduced the new full time Library Assistant II, Daniel Maldonado, who will be leading the soon to be opened Passport Office. Ms. Torres announced that Crystal will be traveling to Ohio to attend a Youth Summit for children's library staff training and development. Pomona Public Library received a grant from the State in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the majority of the costs.

530. Library Infrastructure Project Update – Mr. Gluba reported the City has awarded a contract and the new tentative project start date is now March 2025.

540. Update on Library Programs and Events – Ms. Torres reported that events are now being planned for October, November and December, dates which had previously been postponed awaiting construction project timeline updates.

550. Search for the Next Pomona Poet Laureate. Chair Suarez announced that he will take the lead on this effort.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR SUAREZ TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOCUSED ON THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT POMONA POET LAUREATE. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE CHAIR SUAREZ, TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ, AND TRUSTEE BARBEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MARTIN. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (6-0).

560. Special Collections Update. Allan Lagumbay thanked fellow staff member Julia Bourbois for her work in the Special Collections room and highlighted projects that were accomplished in a timely manner thanks to her efforts. Mr. Lagumbay announced that Sarah Jacobus, head librarian at the Pomona Public Library from 1906-1946, was inducted into the California Library Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Lagumbay announced that Matt Garcia, who had visited Pomona Public Library a month previous, returned to temporarily collect the Padua Theater film reels and take them to be digitized. Mr.

Lagumbay reported that he will be giving a tour to the winner of the Library Foundation Gala silent auction prize regarding a tour of the Pomona Public Library Special Collections.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. FOPPL – On behalf of the Friends, Ms. Torres reported the group hosted an Angels/Dodgers game day fundraiser, and they will also be donating books to the Fairplex Giant Little Library.

620. PPLF - Bree Hsieh announced that Homework Club had started up again, Dulce is the new program coordinator, a shipment of desks have arrived, and more ideas are being developed about different projects to fund.

630. SOPPL – John Clifford was present but had nothing to report at this time.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

710. Deputy Director of Library Services - Ms. Torres thanked the Board and community organizations for their continued support of the Pomona Public Library in service of the community. Ms. Torres reported that LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis’s office has awarded a grant to the Library in the amount of \$130,000 to help fund a project in the children’s room.

720. Assistant City Manager – Mr. Gluba thanked the Board, support groups, and staff. Mr. Gluba spoke about the benefits of recent collaborations between the Library and community partners and the Library and other departments.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday October 16th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR SUAREZ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:18 PM.

Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Mike Suarez, Chair, Library Board of Trustees