

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 20, 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 Araya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee) – Absent  
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)

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 July 16, 2025 Library Board Meeting Minutes.

**320.** Approval of the July 2025 – June 2026 Library Holiday Closure Dates.

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

**400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH**

**410.** Chair Rodriguez reported having his passport photo taken by Library staff.

**500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**510. Report from the Local Authors Event Ad Hoc Committee** – Committee confirmed the event date is Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> and said they will reach out to staff to schedule a meeting to discuss details.

**520. Plans for Library Grand Reopening Celebration** – Events are tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff have contacted the CA State Library and the office of LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis to inquire about attendance, awaiting a reply.

**530. Design of Poet Laureate Plaque and Other Recognition Plaques** – Trustee Suarez presented printouts of sample plaques along with pricing options. The Board discussed wall space and other options for where to mount the plaques.

**540. Update on Passport Services** – Daniel reported that five Library staff are scheduled to be trained as passport acceptance agents on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> by a representative from the U.S. Department of State.

**550. Special Collections Update** – Allan Lagumbay reported updates in poetic format, including news regarding the recent passings of several longtime Library supporters and community advocates. Mr. Lagumbay passed around a book that he purchased, which was recently published by local author Joe Blackstock. The Library will obtain a copy for circulating and also a copy for archive.

**560. Library Infrastructure Project Operational Plans Update** – ACM Gluba reported the Library will reopen for limited days and hours beginning Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> and will be open for regularly scheduled hours beginning Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library** – No comments were made by the Friends of the Pomona Public Library.

**620. Library Foundation** – Bree Hsieh announced the Foundation is close to hiring an executive director.

**630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL)** – Duane Smith reported on advocacy and keeping the public informed.

**700. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

**710. Deputy Director of Library Services** – Ms. Torres thanked the Library Board, Library Support Groups, and Library Staff for their support and hard work. Ms. Torres mentioned the Library Public Meeting Room reservation policy is being revised and will soon be presented to the Board for input. An online version of the Room Reservation form is also being tested and will be launched soon. Ms. Torres mentioned that in an effort to comply with the City Zero Waste Plan, printed agendas and other documents would not be provided at the current volume of one per person plus extras. Digital options will be made available during the Library Board meetings.

**720. Assistant City Manager** – Mr. Gluba took a moment to recognize the people Mr. Lagumbay had mentioned in his poem.

**800. ADJOURNMENT**

**810. Adjournment to Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00pm.**

<b>ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:21 PM.</b>
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Anita Torres, Deputy Director of Library Services /Board Secretary  
ATTEST:

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Chair, Library Board of Trustees