

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2026
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Johannsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Snider 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) – Absent
Renee Barbee (District 5)
Leesli Alcala (District 6) – Absent

Others Present:

Mark Gluba, Assistant City Manager
Daniel Maldonado, Library Assistant II / Board Secretary

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

210. Mr. Gluba introduced Joyce Ryan as the retiree annuitant. Ms. Ryan shared her experience working in libraries and expressed her excitement to work at the Pomona Public Library alongside the staff and community. Mr. Gluba also shared that Ms. Ryan will be at the library for a 6-month period due to the limitations for retiree annuitants, he hopes that Ms. Ryan can help with the intermittent staffing issues.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

310. Approval of the Library Board Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2026

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

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Rodriguez spoke about the wonderful time he had at the Friends of the Pomona Public Library trivia bee and looks forward to next year to keep supporting the library.

420. Trustee Snider spoke about Pomona Day, a reception that happened at the Fairplex and stated that it was wonderful to see other city leadership at this event. She encourages commissioners to attend next year when they receive the invitation from Fairplex.

421. Trustee Araya shared highlights from Serving with a Purpose. She noted that Steven Rowley was the featured speaker and that State Librarian Greg Lucas and CLA President Dr. Anthony Chow also attended the event. She also led a discussion group with library staff on their interactions with library support organizations and gathered several ideas for fundraising initiatives.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Children's Collection Update. Ms. Orosco shared that the library had experienced some challenges with ordering books for the collection. She explained that her current focus is on developing a more meaningful and well-rounded collection rather than just adding books for the sake of just ordering. She also noted that acquiring Spanish language materials can be particularly challenging and that she is continuing to work on expanding that portion of the collection. Ms. Orosco also provided an update on children's programming, with an emphasis on the Summer Reading Program. She shared information about performances and activities that will take place through the summer.

520. Library Staffing Update. Mr. Maldonado gave an update of the recently posted Library Clerk II positions and shared that Ms. Ryan started to learn more about the library. Ms. Ryan stated that the interviews will happen next week and hopes to have someone on board soon.

530. Special Collections Update. Mr. Lagumbay shared an update regarding special collections. He congratulated John Clifford and Deborah Clifford as the new preservationist of the year. Mr. Lagumbay gave a presentation on the progress of the digitization project that is happening in special collections, and the request that he has

received from all over the world that are trying to find historical information. He stated that technology has helped tremendously when it comes to the preservation and digitization of the Special Collections department. He also mentioned the donation that Special Collections received from the Carnegie Organization and gave an insight into how the money would be spent.

540. Report from the Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Rodriguez provided an update of the Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Committee. He reported that the committee reconvened and was able to develop a policy. He shared that the committee expects to be ready to vote and potentially present its recommendation to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

550. Construction Update. Mr. Gluba gave a recap of the recent construction and renovation projects, including the roof replacement and improvements to the interior spaces occupied by the Police Department and Community Services. He noted that while the major construction work has been completed, additional facility improvements, such as the elevator, are still in need and will be addressed as funding and scheduling allows. He concluded by stating that the current phase of construction is now complete.

560. Discussion of Board of Library Trustees Meeting Schedule. Chair Johannsen spoke about the reasons for bringing up the frequency of the Board of Library Trustees meetings. Ms. Johannsen stated that having a staggered schedule would be helpful to alleviate staff workload, she attributed the proposed change due to staff capacity and staff changes. Mr. Gluba shared that the Board of Library Trustees could meet as infrequently as quarterly, but that the trustees have opted to meet monthly. Mr. Gluba also shared the options available to the trustees regarding the frequency of meetings for the trustees to discuss.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE SNIDER TO CANCEL THE JUNE 2026 AND AUGUST 2026 BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (5-0).

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library Mr. Gluba reported that he received an email from the Friends of the Pomona Public Library stating that they intend to continue

to fund the summer reading program, and that they would be able to support other programs that staff determine to be appropriate.

620. Library Foundation Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Library Foundation to remind everyone that the gala is on June 4th. He also shared that the foundation is happy on how the event is turning out and hopes that everyone has a good time. He reported that the foundation is holding a vote to continue further funding for books and other things for the summer reading program.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL) No comment was made.

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

720. Assistant City Manager Mr. Gluba is making sure that the Pomona Public Library is represented at the gala. Mr. Gluba also shared a small update regarding the library's patios and the feasibility of doing construction on the patios to stop the leaks. Ms. Ryan shared a draft policy that she has been working on for the newly acquired privacy booth.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR JOHANNSEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:12 PM.
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Daniel Maldonado, Library Assistant II / Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Chair Johannsen, Library Board of Trustees