

MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2025
5:00 P.M.

100. OPENING

- **110. Call to Order**

Chair Johannsen called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

- **120. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Barbee led the pledge of allegiance.

- **130. Roll Call**

Present Trustees:

- Lisa Snider (Mayoral Appointee) – Absent
- Sofia R. Araya Abbas (District 1) – Absent
- Meg Johannsen (District 2)
- Tom O. Rodriguez (District 3) – Arrived at 5:07 p.m.
- Mario Suarez (District 4)
- Renee Barbee (District 5)
- Leesli Alcalá (District 6)

Others Present:

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

200. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 210.** There was no public comment.

300. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 310.** Approval of the Library Board Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE SUAREZ AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR BARBEE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT (4-0).

400. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

410. Trustee Rodriguez mentioned attending the April 6 City Council Meeting to see the Pomona Public Library being recognized for National Library Week and was glad to see supervisor Orosco receive the proclamation.

420. Trustee Johannsen mentioned wanting to place the frequency of the Board of Library Trustees meetings on the agenda. Board members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Library Trustees meeting.

421. Trustee Suarez mentioned that the front facing windows were in need of cleaning.

422. Trustee Rodriguez mentioned being a patron of Ontario Public Library and he spoke about their larger and more comprehensive Spanish children's collection. Trustee Rodriguez expressed interest in having the Pomona Public Library expand their Spanish children's collection.

500. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

510. Update on Poet Laureate Plaque. Mr. Maldonado showed the recently purchased plaque to the Board and shared that facilities will place the plaque at the previously approved location.

520. Report from the Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Rodriguez mentioned that they haven't had the opportunity to meet due to conflicting schedules, but he hopes that they will have something to share at the next meeting.

530. Library Staffing Update. Mr. Gluba mentioned that there hasn't been much change, but that he has been working with HR to bring in a retiree annuitant for a special project. He hopes to have someone on board shortly to temporarily address the departure of Deputy Director Anita Torres. He also mentioned elevating Supervisor Jeff McElroy position to a three quarter PBL to help establish long-term capacity, as well as reevaluating current positions.

600. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

610. Friends of the Pomona Public Library Trustee Rodriguez mentioned that the Trivia Bee will be held next Friday.

620. Library Foundation Megan Gearhart introduced herself as the Executive Director for the Pomona Library Foundation and stated that she will be fully in her position

after the Mayor’s Gala. Megan Gearhart shared that she will be the point of contact for the Library Foundation going forward and she also gave an update on how the Library Foundation has been supporting the Pomona Public Library.

630. Support Our Pomona Public Library (SOPPL)

700. STAFF COMMUNICATION

720. Assistant City Manager – Mr. Gluba shared that he paid for a Trivia Bee team. He also shared that the city will hold a budget meeting on May 26. The proposed budget reflects zero growth and does not include any staff reductions, though there are not many additional details to share.

800. ADJOURNMENT

810. Adjournment to Wednesday May 20, 2026

CHAIR JOHANNSEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:20 PM.
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Daniel Maldonado, Library Assistant II /Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Chair Johannsen, Library Board of Trustees