



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Library Board

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

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A. Call To Order

Marilena Garza called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Marilena Garza, Pooja Bindingnavale, Jennifer Anderson, Ann Coover, Pat Craig, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Carrie Moore

Present Virtually: None

Absent: Dora Wilburn

C. Public Comment

1. [26-0490](#) April 7, 2026 Public Comment

- None

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-0491](#) March 3, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [March 3, 2026 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

Alice Hawkin made a motion to approve the March minutes; Pooja Bindingnavale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-0492](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- Jennifer Anderson said the Friends purchased 6 more scholarships for the online high

school program. Marilena Garza said that the friends are looking for laptop donations to be used in the program.

- The Friends have purchased kitchen carts to be used in cooking classes.
- The Friends will have a table at The Week of the Young Child and Teen Bookfest events.

F. Director's Report

4. [26-0493](#) Director's Report

Director's Report – Laura Garcia

1. Staff will provide a Summer Reading Presentation at the May board meeting. The theme is "Unearth a Story" and will run from June 1 – July 25.
2. The E-rate application did not require City Council approval. Notification of funding should be received by June.
3. Board Chair Marilena Garza requested an update on the number of book challenges received since the last one that went through the library's reconsideration process: no books have been challenged since April 2024.
4. Board Chair Marilena Garza requested an update on the Harte Library: Engineering Services has received the preliminary analysis study and is currently reviewing it to provide feedback and comments to the contractor.
 - Marilena Garza asked if the contractor is Dykema and when the board will get an update. Laura confirmed it is Dykema and the Board would receive another update next month. Pooja Bindingnavele asked how much had been spent on the study and Laura replied that \$15,000 has been spent. Ann Coover suggested buying out FBISD and asked about putting together a proposal to do so for City Council. Laura replied that the study should be finished first before exploring other options, but that purchasing the land had been discussed and FBISD was not interested in selling. Alice Hawkins asked what the study entailed, Laura said how to go about partitioning the building so that both students and public can be in building at the same time.
 - Pooja Bindingnavele proposed making a presentation to City Council. Marilena Garza gave options on how that could be done and encouraged board members to speak as individuals at City Council Meeting. Marilena Garza requested that the minutes show that Sony Peronel was not in attendance two meetings in a row and although she knows he is busy she feels he should make board meetings a priority. Alice Hawkins suggested sending him the recordings of the meetings. Laura stated that Sony would be made aware of what was discussed.
 - Carroll Matthews asked if CCISD owns the land at Garcia Public Library. Laura replied that they do but that the situation there is different because Kaffie School Library moved out in 2023. Pooja Bindingnavele asked if FBISD would want to sell the land at Harte. Laura replied that they do not. Ann Coover asked if there has been a demographic study to show if Flour Bluff residents are the primary users of Harte Library since she thinks it is unfair for Flour Bluff Residents to drive to Garcia Library. Laura replied that some residents from both areas use both Harte and Garcia and she would provide the distance between both locations at the next meeting.

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

- None

I. Future Agenda Items

- Pooja Bindingnavele wants a letter drafted and reviewed to be sent to City Council concerning Harte Public Library.
- Marilena Garza wants to discuss concerns on Garcia Public Library.
- Marilena Garza would also like to discuss next year's budget.

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:19 am.