



Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

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A. Call To Order

Pat Craig called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Jennifer Anderson, Joan Carrillo, Melinda De Los Santos, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue spoke on items 3 & 4 – asking the board and library staff to not give into excluding the public from Harte library. He said the school should reduce their hours and reimburse the city for their use of the library.
- Alex Flucke thanked the board for finishing the budget letter but said that it's missing parts about homeless services being cut, so the library's providing extra services but reducing funds and staff. They said we're advocating for libraries now, but we need to advocate year-round.
- Marilena Garza thanked Laura and Jennifer, who got the books donated to the library. She said that our mayor is doing a photo op here, but to support, we really need money.
- Jazmeyne Evans submitted the following public comment on 8/5/2025 at 10:47 am. i've spent some time reviewing the minutes from the past two years to look over the progress the board has made supporting our communities needs. what i saw looked less like a functioning governing body and more akin to a dysfunctional group project. while staff and the community has been begging you to focus on our financial situation (ex. july, aug 2024 meeting. staff detailed impacts of 2025 budget reduction, called for a focus on community priorities rather than being stuck on the same topic of the CDP and materials again and again) some members have focused on their own desires. I'm not sure why some of y'all act surprised we are underfunded and understaffed. The city, staff,

community, and your fellow board members have been trying to tell you. I'm glad y'all are recognizing what's going on now but the inaction of board members like melinda greatly impacts the lives of everyone in corpus. y'all wasted our time working on policy and cards for people who aren't even in the room.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-1256](#) July 1, 2025 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [July 1, 2025 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Carrie Moore and seconded by Dolores Rabon. The motion passed unanimously. Alice Hawkins asked that her previous absence be excused. Jennifer Anderson motioned that she be excused, Carrie Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

2. [25-1257](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends of CCPL- Jennifer Anderson gave statistics for the Summer Reading programs. 2,392 people between the ages 0 and 17 registered and 872 completed the Mayor's Reading Challenge. 91,372 children's books were checked out, and 459 children's programs were held with 16,981 in total attendance.

F. Director's Report

3. [25-1258](#) Director's Report
Harte Update
Budget Update

Attachments: [JanetFHarteLibraryOperatingHoursAdjustment](#)
[JanetFHarteLibraryOperatingHoursMediaGraphics](#)
[5August2025LibraryBoardDirectorsReport](#)

- La Retama exterior renovations – City Council approved the construction contract on July 22, as part of the Bond 2022 project.
- Laura Garcia showed the new Discover Newsletter with the new programs insert.
- Laura gave an update on the New operating hours at Harte Library. Sarah Chapman, Director for Federal and State Programs at Flour Bluff ISD, and Lance Howard, Flour Bluff ISD Police Chief, explained some of the security reasons for the reduced hours. A discussion was held regarding reduced hours at the Janet F. Harte Library. Board members expressed concern and urged Library staff to work with the Flour Bluff Independent School District to develop a calendar that includes additional hours for public use.

Carroll Matthews pointed out that the Library building is owned by the City of Corpus Christi. The 1998 intergovernmental agreement between Flour Bluff Independent School

District and the City of Corpus Christi states that:

"Lease will be irrevocable so long as the building constructed by City on Leased Premises is used as a branch of the City's public library system."

"City retains sole right to cease Library operations."

- Budget Summary – Council Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 7 at 9am.

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. [25-1259](#) Discussion and Possible Action on the Budget Support Letter

Attachments: [Dear Council letter Final Draft](#)
[Library COMPS for Council Final Draft](#)
[Dear Council letter Final with amendments](#)

- Discussion and Possible Action On Budget Support Letter- Discussion was held on the Budget Support Letter. Carrie Moore made a motion to amend the letter to add 8 of 15, 12 of 15, 13 of 15, 8 of 15, and 12 of 15 in the bullet points. Melinda De Los Santos Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pat Craig made a motion to add the phrase “see attached data” after the second paragraph. Melinda De Los Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dolores Rabon made a motion to add a summary statement to summarize the bullet points. Melinda De Los Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carrie Moore made a motion to approve the letter as amended and pass it on to City Council. Dolores Rabon seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter as amended and pass it on to City Council passed unanimously.

I. Future Agenda Items

- None

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:00 pm.