



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

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A. Call To Order

Marilena Garza called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

B. Roll Call

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

Present Virtually: None

Absent: Dora Wilburn

C. Public Comment

1. [26-0328](#) March 3, 2026 Public Comment

- None

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-0332](#) February 3, 2026 Library Board Minutes

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

Pooja Bindingnavele made a motion to approve the February minutes; Pat Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carrie Moore asked that her previous absence be excused. Jennifer Anderson motioned that her absence be excused, Pat Craig seconded the motion. All voted to excuse her absence but Marilena Garza. The motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-0329](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends had their first membership meeting on March 1st at Harte Library at 3:00. Alice Hawkins asked where the meeting time was published. Jennifer Anderson replied that it was posted on social media and e-mailed. Laura Garcia stated that it was also posted at all branches.
- They will have a table at Teen Bookfest on April 18th, and the Week of the Young Child on April 11th. The theme for Week of the Young Child is "Read Roar Explore: Because Reading Never Goes Extinct".
- Marilena Garza gave a breakdown of Friends membership levels and cost.

F. Staff Reports**4. [26-0330](#) Local History Memory Lab Presentation**

Attachments: [Memory Lab Presentation](#)

- Shelby Adamson, Special Collections & Archives Librarian, gave an overview of the Local History department and the new memory lab. Topics included Increasing Community Access & Engagement, Strengthening Genealogy Services, Collection Development & Documentation, Internal Organization & Discoverability, Digitization & Preservation Initiative, What Is a Memory Lab, Background, Why Offer The Service, Securing Funds, Finding Space, Equipment Used, and Next Steps.
- Alice Hawkins asked if the department takes volunteers. Shelby replied that they take volunteers and interns.
- Marilena Garza asked how many staff Shelby would like and what budget. Laura replied that there is a 100k budget for staff and we would like two more library assistants.

G. Director's Report**5. [26-0331](#) Director's Report**

1. American Heart Association (AHA) Partnership- AHA will provide blood pressure monitoring equipment that can be checked out by patrons, the goal is to launch the program by summer.
2. La Retama Central Library
 - The emergency generator was delivered on March 2, ATS transformer is scheduled for delivery by March 4. The library will close on Friday, March 6, and reopen on Tuesday, March 9. Power to the building will be off during this time frame.
 - Removal of tile in the middle of the library has been completed.
 - The Women's Suffrage Movement exhibit by the League of Women Voters will be on display during the month of March in celebration of Women's History Month.
 - The April 23 Mugs and Hugs event which was to benefit the Coastal Bend Food Bank has been canceled.
3. Five-year Internet Service Agreement- CCPL is applying for E-rate, a federally funded program, that covers the cost of Internet service provided by public libraries. CCPL is

eligible for the program to cover up to 90% of Internet cost. The service agreement is tentatively scheduled to go before Council in late March. Laura said she would keep the board updated and Marilena encouraged the board to attend city council and show their support.

H. Unfinished Business

- None

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

- None

J. Future Agenda Items

- Ann Coover asked for a report or update on Harte Library. Laura said it could be in May if there is anything to report. Marilena Garza asked if the Board could meet at Harte for the update. Laura said that might be possible. Marilena Garza then requested a representative from FBISD to be present for the update to answer questions as well as a representative from Legal. She also stated that she would like Sony Peronel to be present as well, and would like adequate notice of location change to Harte when an update is given.

K. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:32 am.