



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, December 2, 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, Pooja Bindingnavele, Ann Coover, Marilena Garza, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

1. [25-1848](#) December 2, 2025 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue welcomed the new and returning board members and encouraged greater transparency regarding Harte Library. He felt that the financial burden should go to Flour Bluff ISD since they violated the terms of the contract.
- Melinda De Los Santos encouraged the board to embrace different perspectives. She stated that the previous board members were protecting children and that sexually explicit materials lead to endangering children.
- Jesus Wong welcomed the new members and encouraged them to look to other libraries as inspiration like McAllen or San Antonio who, in his opinion, do not impose their will or fall for false narratives.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [25-1849](#) November 4, 2025 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [November 4, 2025 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Alice Hawkins and seconded by Marilena Garza. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

3. 25-1850 Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends met in November. A new programming grant is in the works based on the book "1776". This would include a book club and would be a matching grant.
- The Friends are supporting the library with the purchase of kitchen carts for programming and are assisting in the expansion of Computer 101 classes.
- They are continuing discussions on the Discover booklets and are welcoming feedback.
- The library has applied for a grant with Pizza Hut for STEM kits that can be checked out. Staff are working on phonics kits as well. Discussion was held regarding the grant writing process and what grants need approval by City Council. Alice Hawkins asked if the public could make donations to buy kits.

F. Director's Report

4. 25-1851 Director's Report

- Nominations and voting for Chair and Vice-Chair will take place at the January meeting.
- Laura gave an overview of the basic framework for board meetings.
- Bond 2022-voters approved \$2.5M for exterior improvements to La Retama Central Library, projected completion summer 2026.
- La Retama Central Library Emergency Generator- \$1.5M, projected completion summer 2026. Discussion was held regarding the timeline and reasons for delays.
- Bond 2024- voters approved \$2M for design of future Garcia Library/Senior Center Complex. Currently, the Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Library is located in District 5 on the campus of Kaffie Middle School.
- Harte Library update- discussion was held regarding temporary options as well as permanent ones. Staff are using this school year to find a solution that will allow for full public access hours. Alice Hawkins asked for an update from the architect, Sony Peronel said that an update would come later, when options are clearer. Marilena Garza asked for an update from FBISD. Laura Garcia stated that FBISD staff had attended the September Board meeting. Carroll Matthew asked that the contract be sent to Board members. Alice Hawkins made a motion to end discussion. Carroll Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

5. 25-1852 Annual Report Discussion

Attachments: [2024 Library Board Report](#)

[Board and Commission Annual Report Template](#)

- Pat Craig asked for volunteers to work on the annual report and reminded members to avoid a walking quorum. Marilena Garza, Pooja Bindingnavele, and Carroll Matthews volunteered to work on the report.

I. **Future Agenda Items**

- Officer nominations and vote.
- Harte Library update.
- Marilena Garza asked for an update on heating and cooling funding. Laura Garcia replied that at this point we will only be open during regular operating hours or when asked.

J. **Adjournment**

Adjournment at 12:07 pm.