



Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, June 2, 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 Bindingnavele, Jennifer Anderson, Ann Coover, Pat Craig, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Carrie Moore, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

1. [26-0822](#) June 2, 2026 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue thanked the board for addressing Harte public library and felt that FBISD has not compensated the city for changes that have been made. He felt that the library cannot be run like a business and that adequate funding is essential. He also thanked the library for their pride display and stated that libraries need to remain a safe space for the LGBT+ community.
- Julie Rogers said that the renovations to La Retama public library look good. She said that when Blucher Park was given to the city that some pages of the agreement went missing. She thanked the board for looking into the agreement with Harte and holding them to the agreement. She said that the library budget is important to keep libraries going and to make them bigger and better. She said Houston library allows all Texans to get a library card and felt that our libraries should do the same.
- Marilena Garza held a moment of silence in memory of Dorothea Castanon, managing librarian of Ben F. McDonald public library.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-0677](#) April 7, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [April 7, 2026 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

Carrie Moore made a motion to approve the April minutes; Jennifer Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dora Wilburn asked that her previous absences be excused. Marilena Garza made a motion to excuse her absences, Alice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-0678](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- Jennifer Anderson said the Friends are excited for the summer reading programs and are working on the summer newsletter, which should come out soon.

F. Staff Reports

4. [26-0682](#) 2026 Summer Reading Program Presentation

Attachments: [Reading Program Presentation 2026](#)
[Summer Reading 18+ 2026](#)

- Summer Reading Presentations- Michelle Miller, Youth Services Librarian at La Retama Central Library, gave an overview presentation on the Children's Summer Reading Program. Topics included introduction to Unearth a Story theme and objectives, components, booklet structure, prize drawings and the reading and program challenges available for participants.
- Patricia Herrera, Managing Librarian at La Retama Central Library, gave a presentation on the adult Summer Reading Program. Topics included the Book-o-poly theme, registration rules, neighborhoods, 4 corners, dino fossils, challenges and prizes.

G. Director's Report

5. [26-0679](#) Director's Report

1. Laura Garcia gave an overview of the summer hours for the Garcia and Harte branches.
2. The American Heart Association provided 30 blood pressure monitors. The goal is to start checking the equipment out by the end of the month.
3. The first Dino's Alive program, held at Hopkins public library, had an attendance of 165. 92 children and 14 teens signed up for the summer reading programs at the event.

H. Unfinished Business

- None

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**6. [26-0680](#) Letter To City Council Regarding Janet F. Harte Library**

Attachments: [Dear Mayor Guajardo and Members of the Corpus Christi City Council](#)
[Updated Draft Letter to City Council](#)

Anne Coover made a motion to move Item 6, the Letter to City Council, before Approval on Minutes and Action on Absences. Alice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion was held to edit the letter. In item 2, the hours listed are not accurate and will be removed, accurate hours will be attached. In the same item the term “adult citizens” will be changed to “the public”. Any mention of Garcia public library will be removed. Statistics on use will be added as a footnote. The definition of educational facility was discussed as well as whose responsibility it is to follow the new regulations. In item 4, the phrase “alleged amount” to will be changed to “staff confirmed amount”. In item 5, it will be specified that the gift in question is Janet F. Harte library. Item number 6 will be removed and sent as a potential follow up. Item number 7 will be removed as well. Marilena Garza made a motion to approve the above changes, upon hearing no objections, the motion passed. More work to the letter will be added as unfinished business on the July agenda.

7. [26-0681](#) Discussion And Planning On The 2027 Budget Session

Attachments: [Budget Overview](#)

Budget Discussion- Marilena Garza gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the library budget and potential sources of increased budget for the city. Topics included statistics showing increased use, budget per citizen and per visit, and city budget priorities over the libraries. Discussion was held regarding funding sources.

I. Future Agenda Items

- Further work on the draft of the letter to city council

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:19 am.