



City of Corpus Christi

1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
cctexas.com

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Library Board

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

The City of Corpus Christi promotes participation regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or political belief. Reasonable accommodation is provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact (361) 826-3300 at least 48 hours in advance. Upon request, this information can be available in larger print and/or in electronic format.

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

- Jazmeyne Evans thanked people for advocating for the library and would love to see more transparency and accountability for the boards. There were conversations of board members talking to outside organizations or messaging city council. She felt that the library is having budget issues, but the board talked about spending money on library cards and proposed removing language that supports first amendment rights.
- Tom Tagliabue felt that the intergovernmental agreement with Flour Bluff School District still works. He felt that the burden for a new library should rest with the school district and that they should buy the facility at market value.
- Julie Rogers had a petition demanding more funding for the libraires. She felt that the libraries are chronically underfunded and that the board should start working on next year's budget now.
- Becky Moeller supported Julie Rogers' public comment and wants better funding.

[25-1540](#) September Library Board Written Public Comment

Attachments: [September Library Board Written Public Comment](#)

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-1421](#) August 5, 2025 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [August 5, 2025 Library Board Minutes- Draft](#)

A motion to amend the August minutes to say “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 the City on Leased Premises is used as a branch of the City’s public library system.’

‘City retains sole right to cease Library operations.’” was made by Carroll Matthews and seconded by Alice Hawkins. All voted to amend except Melinda De Los Santos who arrived late. Alice Hawkins made a motion to approve the August minutes as amended; Dolores Rabon seconded the motion. All voted to approve the August minutes as amended except Melinda De Los Santos who arrived late.

E. Committee Reports

2. [25-1422](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends of CCPL- The Friends are continuing to investigate funding opportunities.

F. Staff Reports

3. [25-1423](#) 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Presentation

Attachments: [1000 Books Presentation](#)

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Presentation- Michelle Miller, Youth Services Librarian at La Retama Central Library, gave a presentation on the revamped 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. Topics included background information of the program, program benefits, and the revamped journals, benefits, and celebrations.

G. Director's Report

4. [25-1424](#) Director's Report

- Budget-Seven budget input sessions were held. At each session public comments were made regarding library resources and materials, staffing and hours of operations. First Reading Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget is scheduled for the September 2 City Council agenda and includes amendments restoring the \$80,395 for the Harte vacant position and \$50,000 to the library’s books and periodicals budget.
- La Retama exterior renovations- A pre-construction meeting was held on August 28; a

construction kickoff meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15.

- Teen and Young Adult shifting- 2,407 titles were reviewed. Of those, 1,425 were moved to the Teen collection and 982 remained in the Young Adult collection. The library catalog is being reviewed for consistency.
- Harte Library Town Hall Meeting- A town hall meeting was held on Monday, August 25. Councilwoman Kaylynn Paxson, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and FBISD Superintendent Chris Steinbruck were present. Approximately 80 were in attendance.
- A discussion was held regarding specifics of revisiting the public hours. Carroll Matthews pointed out that the city and FBISD discussed the hours on March 19th. Sony Peronel, assistant city manager clarified that only the pros and cons were discussed, not specific dates or hours.

Teen and Young Adult Collection Update

H. Unfinished Business

- None

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

- Pat Craig asked Kenny Jones for an update on the new procedure for posting the agenda. Previously, the agenda needed to be finalized and posted 72 hours ahead of the meeting. Now, the agenda must be finalized and posted three business days ahead of the meeting. Previously this meant the Friday before the meeting, now this is the Wednesday before the meeting.

J. Future Agenda Items

- None

K. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:34 am.