



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

[25-1987](#) January 6, 2025 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue said that appointment of new officers should have been first on the agenda. He also felt the last sentence in the annual report is unnecessary and should include other donations. On Item 4 he felt the board should ask others to pay, not taxpayers, and that the library should stop giving in to FBISD.
- Melanie Sanchez felt that the board should elect someone nonpartisan as Chair.
- Vickie Natale questioned the timing of the election of new officers. She felt that it should have been sooner and first on the agenda. She asked that the agenda be amended to move the election of officers to the start of the agenda. She felt that a single donation should not be mentioned in the annual report unless other donations are included as well.
- Melinda De Los Santos said that the goals for 2026 are important, and that the library is underfunded. She said she is leaving but still supports the board.
- Alex Benavides felt that the election of officers should have been sooner, and wants the agenda amended to make the election of officers first. He also stated that he supports Marilena Garza

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-1988](#) December 2, 2025 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [December 2, 2025 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Pat Craig and seconded by Pooja Bindingavele. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

2. [25-1989](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends' newsletter went out in December, in both e-mail and print.
- Member ship renewal is in January. Memberships run from January through December and start at \$25 for adults and \$5 for children.

F. Staff Reports

3. [25-1990](#) City Secretary Presentation

Attachments: [January 6, 2026 Library Board Orientation](#)

- City Secretary Presentation- Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, gave a presentation on the role of advisory boards. Topics included quorum procedure, membership requirements, board member term and limitations, conflict of interest and recusal, attendance requirements and automatic vacation, authority and action, submittal of recommendations to city council, meeting procedures and rules of order, and the annual review report.

G. Director's Report

4. [25-1991](#) Director's Report

- To date 231 coats have been donated for the Winter Coat Drive and 95 pet supply items have been donated for the Critter Comfort Drive.
- Owen R. Hopkins, La Retama Central Library, and Ben F. McDonald Libraries were open as warming centers On December 30th and 31st. 344 patrons used the warming centers on December 30th and 251 used the warming centers on December 31st.
- The circulation desk at La Retama Central Library has been temporarily relocated to the reference kiosk area while floor repairs and painting is being done.
- All library locations will be closed on January 19th for MLK Day.

H. Unfinished Business**I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

5. [25-1992](#) Annual Report Update and Vote

Attachments: [Library Board Annual Report 2026 Draft 2](#)

- Annual Report Update and Vote- Marilena Garza motioned to remove the name “Republican Women” from the last line of Item 2. Carrie Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Pat Craig motioned to include the Friends of CCPL in Item 2. Carrie Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pooja Bindingnavele motioned to approve Item 3 as written. Pat Craig Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pooja Bindingnavele motioned to ask for a 12% increase to the budget in Item 4. Alice Hawkins seconded. Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Jennifer Anderson, Pooja Bindingnavele, Ann Coover, Marilena Garza, Alice Hawkins, and Dora Wilburn voted to approve the motion. Carroll Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed.
- Marilena Garza motioned to pass items 5 and 6. The motions passed unanimously.
- Marilena Garza made a motion to approve the annual report as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [25-1993](#) Election of Officers

- Pooja Bindingnavele made a motion to move Election of Officers before Approval of Minutes. Marilena seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Election of Officers was moved before Approval of Minutes. Marilena Garza nominated herself for Chair. Carrie Moore nominated Pat Craig for Chair. Jennifer Anderson, Pooja Bindingnavele, Ann Coover, Marilena Garza, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, and Dora Wilburn voted for Marilena Garza. Pat Craig and Carrie Moore voted for Pat Craig. Marilena Garza was elected as new Chair.
- Marilena Garza nominated Pooja Bindingnavele for Vice Chair. Carrie Moore nominated Ann Coover for Vice Chair. Jennifer Anderson, Pooja Bindingnavele, Ann Coover, Marilena Garza, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, and Dora Wilburn voted for Pooja Bindingnavele. Pat Craig and Carrie Moore voted for Ann Coover. Pooja Bindingnavele was elected as new Vice Chair.

J. Future Agenda Items

- Marilena Garza asked for a presentation on the Harte library.
- Alice Hawkins asked for an updated report on the cost of new library cards and how many have been issued. Laura stated that \$700 was spent on new cards and less than 100 have been issued. Pooja Bindingnavele asked for an update on how many total cards have been issued and Laura said she would give an update.
- Marilena Garza asked about future partnerships and said that previous donors have stopped donating.

K. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:55 am.