



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Library Board

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La Retama Room

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#### A. Call To Order

Pat Craig called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

#### B. Roll Call

Present: Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

#### C. [24-1091](#) Public Comment

**Attachments:** [Kathlene Naderer June Public Comment](#)

- Pat Shackelford spoke in support of having a wide variety of material and stated that parents should guide their children.
- Salem Martinez spoke in support of having LGBTQ material and expressed concerns about censoring.
- Robert Kymes spoke in favor of the library providing LGBTQ material, important to have LGBTQ books available because some might identify with the characters and find support through books. Library for all people.
- Carolina Avsar expressed concerns about banning books that display diversity.
- Robert Wooster supports the statement in Collection Development policy "patrons are free to choose what they want from the collection, and to reject what they don't like, but not to restrict the freedom of others to choose." Attempts to censor books historically fail and lead to unintended consequences.
- Victoria Holland supports the Board and having a diverse library collection, and feels that there is miscommunication about the board. It's not about banning it's about the procurement process.
- Teresa Klein spoke on the importance of having resources available on sex education

to combat misinformation found on internet and social media sites. Do not restrict options for LGBTQ community, expand them.

- Dorothy Dundas expressed concerns about deciding what shelf books go on, its not about banning, wants appropriateness to be considered, and feels that parental rights are important.
- Alex Flucke, spoke in support of keeping LGBTQ+ books in the library, stated its irresponsible to censor books that do not align with a certain viewpoint. LGBTQ+ community deserves to learn in an environment that supports them.
- Debie Layton, spoke in support of the library system and its staff.
- Matthew Wood, purchased the books that received reconsideration requests, supports having LGBTQ books in the collection and after reading the books feels they are age appropriate.
- Tom Tagliabue, spoke against banning, supports LGBTQ books in the collection and encouraged the board to let people read what they want.
- Roseanne Norman stated grew up reading joke books and Nancy Drew, now you see books with naked men, stated that there are over 400 sexually explicit books in the children's area, which is grooming.
- Alexander Taliaferro, expressed concerns about the unprecedented assault on education in schools, libraries, etc. Once censoring starts it doesn't stop. LGBTQ community needs support.
- Jesus Wong, supports keeping books, libraries provide safe space.
- Peggy Duran supports library staff; parents should decide what their children should read. Have a great library system that is underfunded.
- Jazmeyne Evans expressed concern over book challenges and book bans. The books discussed today have great value, health education should be provided to all ages.
- Becky Moeller wants to see agenda items for better funding, not just moving books.
- Kathleen Naderer submitted a written public comment expressing concern over book challenges and book bans, her comments are attached.
- Julie Rogers, item #4, forming subcommittee. The collection development policy is available on the library website, appeal process is clear and available. If a subcommittee is formed, it should be balanced and fair.
- Vickie Natale, agenda item 5, spoke against removing the book "Doing It Right: Making Smart, Safe and Satisfying Choices About Sex".

#### **D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences**

Pat Craig motioned to amend the May minutes to say "501c3", not "501c in Marilena Garza's public comment, remove the word "information" in Shawn Flanagan's public comment, and add the word "application" to Carrie Moore's suggestion under item 6. Jennifer Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Jennifer Anderson and seconded by Pat Craig. The motion passed unanimously.

1. [24-0924](#) May 7 Library Board Minutes

#### **E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report**

2. [24-0925](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- Summer reading programs started June 1. The Children's and Young Adult programs run through July 27th, and the adult programs through August 31st.
- The Friends attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Family Place at Hopkins Library.

F. **Director's Report**

3. [24-0926](#) Director's Report

- Summer operating hours start on June 10. Standardizing the hours during the summer supports providing cooling center service.
- The cover of the Teen Summer Reading Challenge booklet was designed by Ralph Eyas, a W.B. Ray High School student.
- The Parent Guide to Library Services was presented and the Director requested feedback by Board members be emailed to her by June 10.
- September is Library Card Sign-Up month. Staff is discussing the development of a survey to distribute during that month.

G. **Unfinished Business**

4. [24-0735](#) Discussion to Establish a Subcommittee to Review the Collection Development Policy

**Attachments:**     [May CD Policy Subcommittee Attachment](#)  
[Collection Development Policy](#)

A motion to have 4 members on the Subcommittee was made by Carrie Moore and seconded by Melinda De Los Santos. All voted in favor of the motion except for Carroll Matthews, who abstained. The motion passed. Pat opened the floor to nominations. Alice Hawkins nominated herself, Melinda De Los Santos nominated herself, Jennifer Anderson nominated herself, Dora Wilburn nominated herself, and Joan Carrillo nominated herself. Alice Hawkins and Jennifer Anderson were elected unanimously. Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, and Dolores Rabon voted for Melinda De Los Santos. Dora Wilburn, and Alice Hawkins voted for Dora Wilburn. Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, Alice Hawkins, and Dolores Rabon voted for Joan Carrillo. Alice Hawkins, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, and Joan Carrillo were elected to the Subcommittee.

5. [24-0736](#) Discussion and Possible Action To Be Taken On The Appeal Filed By Shawn Flanagan Regarding The Staff Determination Of *Doing it Right: Making Smart, Safe, and Satisfying Choices About Sex* By Bronwen Pardes, 2013. The Recommendation Of The Staff Reconsideration Committee Was That The Book Could Be Moved To The Adult Non-Fiction Section As The Book Covers Topics

That A Wide Range Of Ages Would Be Interested In Reading. The Library Director Agreed With The Recommendation And Relocated The Book To The Adult Non-Fiction Section.

**Attachments:**    [May Reconsideration Appeal Attachment](#)  
[Request for Reconsideration - Redacted](#)  
[Decision on Doing It Right - Excerpt](#)  
[Doing It Right Appeal Letter](#)

Mr. Flanagan was requesting the book be removed from the library collection. Pat Craig described the voting process. Board members voted unanimously to uphold the staff decision to relocate the book to the adult nonfiction section.

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

**I. Future Agenda Items**

- Budget Update

**J. Adjournment**

Adjournment at 11:57 am.