



# GARLAND

## MINUTES

The Library Board of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on September 8, 2025, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Terri Chepregi, Chair  
Kristin Lucido, Vice Chair  
Sarah Montoya, Board Member  
Louis Moore, Board Member  
Chantel Jones Bigby, Board Member  
Karen Wood, Board Member

Absent: Michael Degan, Board Member  
Dorothy White, Board Member  
Gwendolyn Daniels, Board Member

Staff Present: Karen Archibald, Director of Libraries  
Kathleen Cizek, Public Services Administrator  
Antonette Hall, Department Coordinator II

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Consider approval of the Library Board minutes for the August 11, 2025 meeting.**

Board Member Moore made a motion to approve August 11, 2025 minutes; Board Member Lucido seconded the approval. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

No members of the public chose to speak on the public item.

### **3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Introduction of New Library Advisory Board Members**

*Introduction of Chantel Jones Bigby, appointed by Councilmember Moore, and Karen Wood, appointed by Councilmember Dutton.*

Chair Chepregi introduced the new board members, Chantel Jones Bigby and Karen Wood. They spoke briefly about their backgrounds and commitment to the Garland community. Following their remarks, each of the existing board members introduced themselves.

- b. **Capital Improvement Plan/Bond Program Updates**

*Staff will provide an update on Library construction projects funded by the 2019 Bond Program and Capital Improvement Projects.*

Director Archibald provided an update on the progress of the West Garland Library project, including the closure of the Walnut Creek Library. Updates were also given on the renovation projects at both the North and

South Libraries.

**c. FY2025-26 Operating Budget and Fees**

*Library Staff will provide an update on the Library's FY26 proposed budget and fee schedule.*

Director Archibald provided updates on the new library fees scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2026. These include Interlibrary Loan (ILL) fees and non-resident user fees.

**d. Parkland Telehealth Update**

*Library staff will provide an update on the partnership with Parkland Hospital to provide a telehealth pod at South Garland Library.*

Director Archibald discussed the partnership with Parkland Hospital to provide a telehealth pod at the South Garland Library.

**e. 2025 Club Curiosity Program Recap**

*Library staff will provide an update on Club Curiosity, the Library's annual summer reading program.*

Public Services Administrator Cizek provided a recap of *Club Curiosity* and its widespread success. The benefits of the summer reading program were also explained.

**f. Garland In the News**

*Library staff will provide an update on Garland Public Libraries in the news.*

Director Archibald shared that the Garland libraries were recently mentioned in both the *Dallas Business Journal* and the Instagram influencer page *DallasFunFam*.

**g. Announce Future Agenda Items**

*A Board member, with a second by another member, may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda of the Library Board. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.*

Board Member Montoya requested further discussion regarding the opt-out option for MD Health Pathways. Board Member Moore suggested a wrap-up of the One Book, One Garland program. Both requests were seconded by Chair Chepregi.

**4. ADJOURN**

Chair Chepregi adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

**/s/ Terri Chepregi, Chair**

**/s/ Karen Archibald, Director of Libraries**