



GARLAND

MINUTES

The All Abilities Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on June 3, 2026, in Community Room 122 at the Garland Central Library, 625 Austin Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Jana Veit, Committee Member
Tommy Zapata, Committee Member
Grant Laird Jr., Committee Member
Susan Behrens, Committee Member
Heather Miller, Committee Member

Absent: Amanda Esquivel, Chair
Leigh Calmes, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Karen Archibald, Library Director
Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2026

Motion was made by Committee Member Veit and seconded by Committee Member Miller to approve the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers for this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Library Services, Programs, Accessibility Initiatives, and the Library Master Plan for Individuals with Disabilities

Karen Archibald, Library Director, will present information regarding library services, programs, and accessibility initiatives provided for individuals with disabilities, including a brief overview of the Library Master Plan.

Karen Archibald, Library Director, presented information regarding the Garland Public Library Master Plan and accessibility initiatives.

Topics discussed included:

- Accessibility within library facilities, including ADA and Texas Accessibility Standards considerations.
- Accessibility in library programming and partnerships.
- Sensory-friendly and family-oriented programming opportunities.
- The Talking Book Program and other accessibility resources.
- Library outreach services, including Library at Home.
- Accessible library collections available in multiple formats.
- Assistive technology available through library services.
- Ongoing staff training and accessibility awareness efforts.

Committee Members discussed accessibility resources, library services, and opportunities to continue supporting residents with disabilities through library programming and community partnerships.

b. Discussion and Review of Draft All Abilities Committee Bylaws

Review and discuss the proposed draft bylaws for the All Abilities Committee, including committee structure, officer roles, membership, meeting procedures, and operational guidelines, and provide feedback or recommendations for future consideration and approval.

Staff advised members that the proposed bylaws were presented in draft form and would remain under review for further discussion and revision. Committee Members were encouraged to review the document and submit comments and recommendations for consideration. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to table the item until the August 5, 2026 meeting.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Members discussed potential future presentations and agenda topics, including:

- Garland Fire Department programs and services.
- Code Compliance processes and reporting procedures.
- Updates regarding recently adopted codes and enforcement procedures.
- Additional educational presentations from City departments.

5. ADJOURN

Committee Member Zapata adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Tommy Zapata, Committee Member

/s/ Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary