



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Library Board of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, in the Work Session Chambers, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present: Terri Chepregi, Chair
Dorothy White, Board Member
Michael Degen, Board Member
Gwendolyn Daniels, Board Member
Kristin Lucido, Board Member
Susan Vaden, Board Member
- Absent: Adam Greenup, Vice Chair
Sarah Montoya, Board Member
Trellas Gotcher, Board Member
- Staff Present: Karen Archibald, Library Director
Sabrina Ellis, Department Coordinator II
Britney Rivas, Student Ambassador Intern
Hailey Miller, Student Ambassador Intern

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the Library Board minutes for the May 13, 2024, meeting.

Motion was made that the Minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting be approved with recommended corrections.

Motion made by Board Member Gwendolyn Daniels and seconded by Board Member Michael Degen.

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.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discuss Board Member Appointment

Introduction of newly appointed Library Board Member.

Director Archibald reported that Mayor Scott LeMay appointed Board Member Dorothy White.

b. Introduction of Student Ambassador Interns

Introduction of newly hired Student Ambassador Interns.

Director Archibald introduced recently hired Student Ambassador Interns Britney Rivas and Hailey Miller.

c. Library Response to Weather Event

Review of the Library's response to the recent weather event that impacted Garland and surrounding areas.

Director Archibald provided an overview of the Library's response to the severe weather event that affected Garland and its surrounding areas on May 28. City Administration closed all facilities due to the enormity of the impact on the community. Core staff went to each location to assess damage and report on power issues. All locations opened as scheduled on May 29. Due to the high number of affected citizens, the Library extended operational hours at the South Garland Library and Central Library Express. South Garland Library opened to the public on Sunday and Monday to assist citizens in need.

d. Capital Improvement Plan/Bond Program Updates

Update on Library construction projects funded by the 2019 Bond Program and Capital Improvement Projects.

Director Archibald reported that City Council approved the overlay roof, skylight, roof drain replacement, and upgrades to the elevator for the Central Library. These additional projects will delay the construction timeline. The West Garland Library project is focusing on furniture and finishes for the building. Samples were shared with the Board.

e. Update on Library Statistics

Review of monthly Library statistics.

Director Archibald provided the Board with a list of Library statistics comparing current material circulation, programming, and outreach events to previous years.

4. ADJOURN

Submitted By:

/s/ Terri Chepregi, Chair

/s/ Karen Archibald, Director of Libraries