



MINUTES

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

SANTA MONICA MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
601 SANTA MONICA BLVD
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,
SECOND FLOOR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Chair Plauzoles called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:
List in order called during the meeting.

Present: Chair Judith Meister, Vice Chair Abby Arnold, Boardmember Dana Newman, Boardmember Laurel Schmidt, and Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles

Absent: None

Also present: Erica Cuyugan, Interim City Librarian
Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant

1) Special Agenda Items

- a. Swearing-In and Oath of Office of New Members
 - i. Judith Meister
 - ii. Dana Newman

Judith Meister and Dana Neman were sworn-in and welcomed as board members to the Library Board.

- b. Library Board Tour of the Main Library
 - i. Led by Erica Cuyugan, Director of Library Services

Cuyugan led board members on a tour of the Main Library between 6:10pm – 7:00pm.

- c. Introduction of Library Board Members

Board members introduced themselves and briefly spoke about their backgrounds and interests.

- d. Secretary's Report

- i. Erica Cuyugan, Director of Library Services

Cuyugan highlighted the following components of the Secretary's Report:

- Opening of temporary cooling center in Santa Monica
- Expansion of hours
- Pico Branch study rooms
- National Library Card sign-up month activities
- National Literacy Month programs, resources and celebrations
- Banned Books Week awareness
- Literacy Program Walk-in tutoring program
- Santa Monica Reads 20th Anniversary
- Safety and security updates

- e. Review Banned Books Week Proclamation

- i. Judith Meister, Chair

MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Arnold seconded to approve proclamation written in support of Banned Books Week. Proclamation will be submitted to City Council for its reading on September 13, 2022. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Arnold, Neman, Schmidt and Plauzoles

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

- 6) **Public Input:** Public input is permitted only on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. State law prohibits the body from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item.

Member of the public expressed interest in having movie nights return to Fairview Branch as they were an uplifting activity he looked forward from the library.

2) **Consent Calendar**

- a. Staff recommends approval of the following Library Board regular meeting minutes:
- i. July 7, 2022

MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2022 Library Board special meeting. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Arnold, Neman, Schmidt and Plauzoles

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

3) **Continued Items**

- a. July 7, 2022: Present Final Adopted Library Board Rules of Order

Plauzoles shared comments concerning standardization of template implemented for all boards and commissions.

4) **Staff Administrative Items**

- a. Review of Meeting Calendar for FY 2022-23

Board meeting schedule was discussed, including transition to monthly regular meetings on January 2023 and incorporating tours of branch facilities.

5) **Library Boardmember Discussion Items**

- a. Future Long-Term Agenda Planning
- i. Judith Meister, Chair

The following future agenda items were shared:

- Overview of Library's Strategic Plan
- Review of Brown Act
- Bringing diverse members of color and age

- b. Discussion of Nationwide Current Library Trends

- i. Explore memberships for board members

Library staff will review its budget and resources available to register board members for library organization memberships.

Adjournment

MOTION

Schmidt moved and Newman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Attest:

Approved:

Erica Cuyugan

Judith Meister

Secretary

Chair