



**MINUTES**  
**SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Chair Meister called the meeting to order at 6:11 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, Boardmember Newman, Boardmember Schmidt and Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles (arrived at 6:16 pm).

Absent: None

Also present: Erica Cuyugan, City Librarian  
Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant  
Karen Reitz, Librarian III  
Jennifer Boyce, Librarian II

**1) Special Agenda Items**

- a. Presentation of Library Summer Reading Plans
  - i. Karen Reitz
  - ii. Jennifer Boyce

The following summer reading plans were shared for adults and children:

- Santa Monica Reads joins the City, Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District in reading *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee, May 1 through June 2.
- Adult Summer Reading Program will cover two books: *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara and *Lady Tan’s Circle of Women* by Lisa See.
- Summer Reading Kick-off scheduled for June 10.
- School presentations for program sign-up began early in the year.
- Children, teens and adults who participate in the Summer Reading program will be eligible for prizes.

c. Election of Vice Chair

- i. Judith Meister

MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Newman seconded a motion to nominate Laurel Schmidt to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Newman, and Schmidt.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Plauzoles

d. Little Libraries Project Update

- i. Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant

A total of twelve surveys have been submitted on behalf of community members with little libraries. Another round of social media posting will take place in the upcoming month to increase submittals.

- e. Secretary's Report
  - i. Erica Cuyugan, City Librarian

The following components of the Secretary's Report were highlighted:

- Santa Monica Reads program
- Santa Monica Poet Laureate program update
- Main Library 2<sup>nd</sup> floor workspace soft opening
- Fairview Storytime with Councilmember Jesse Zwick
- Fierce Friday and Arts & Literacy Festival participation
- National Poetry Month Local's Night series
- National Financial Literacy Month
- Earth Day Storytime celebration
- Zip Books Pilot update
- New online library card registration soft launch
- Libby app discontinuation

- 2) **Consent Calendar:** Staff recommends approval of the following Library Board meeting minutes:
  - a. February 9, 2023
  - b. March 9, 2023
  - c. April 13, 2023

**MOTION**

Plauzoles moved and Newman seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2023, March 9, 2023 and April 13, 2023 Library Board meetings. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Newman, Schmidt, and Plauzoles

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**3) Library Boardmember Discussion Items**

- a. Library Board Vacancies and Recruitment
  - i. Judith Meister, Chair

Efforts to advertise the current board member vacancy will be made for the next month via social media and the library's website to increase application submittals.

**4) Public Input**  
None

**Adjournment**

MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Attest:



Erica Cuyugan  
*Secretary*

Approved:



Judith Meister  
*Chair*