



**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, AUGUST 10, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Chair Meister called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Jason Lin and Boardmember Antonio Spears sworn-in at 7:03 p.m.

Absent: None

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

## 1) Special Agenda Items

- a. Swearing-in and Oath of Office of new Library Boardmember Antonio Spears

Antonio Spears was appointed to the Library Board by City Council, and took the oath of office and was sworn in.

- b. Introduction of Library Board Members

Board members briefly introduced themselves and shared a little about their background.

- c. Appreciation message for outgoing Boardmember, Laurel Schmidt

- a. Judith Meister, Chair

Meister shared a message of appreciation for outgoing board member Laurel Schmidt for her contributions to the Library Board. Ms. Schmidt was not reappointed, and Meister shared concerns expressed to Council regarding reappointment process for those members who fill in partial appointments. Future volunteer opportunities will be shared with Ms. Schmidt to continue supporting library advocacy efforts.

- d. Secretary's Report

- i. Erica Cuyugan, City Librarian

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

- Library extended hours begins September 1
- Next focus will be activating Open+ locations and increasing self-service days at Montana Branch
- The library will be working with Margaret Sullivan Studio to help reimagine the Main Library Café and Courtyard
- Santa Monica National Night Out
- Pop-up library at the Annenberg Community Beach House
- Grant received to provide ESL programming
- New RED Kits: Walking in L.A. and Bird Watching
- Netwatch security video monitoring pilot
- Banning process and major vs. minor infractions
- Friends Bookstore working to open on Saturdays in late September

## 2) Library Boardmember Discussion Items

- a. Request to update and submit a proclamation for Banned Books Week (October 1-7, 2023) on behalf of the Santa Monica Public Library and Library Board
  - i. Judith Meister, Chair

Board discussed obtaining freedom to read t-shirts to support Banned Books Week advocacy.

### MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Newman seconded a motion to update and submit the proclamation for Banned Books Weeks. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Newman, Plauzoles, Spears and Lin.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Review Library Board 2023-2024 Workplan
  - i. Judith Meister, Chair

Board reviewed the final Library Board Workplan for 2023-2024.

Meister requested that the following be added:  
Begin engaging with community groups to identify their neighborhood needs.

Presentations to Council have been temporarily postponed.

- c. Request to develop Little Libraries Work Group
  - i. Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant

Meister and Newman volunteered to work on little libraries recognition event.

### MOTION

Meister moved and Lin seconded a motion to form a Little Libraries Ad Hoc Committee to work on planning recognition event. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Meister, Newman, Plauzoles, Spears and Lin.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

## 3) Public Input

None

**Adjournment**

MOTION

Plauzoles moved and Newman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:

Approved:



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Erica Cuyugan  
*Secretary*

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Judith Meister  
*Chair*