

# CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD



## Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of August 3, 2017 Approved

<b>Call to Order</b>	A REGULAR meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board was called to order by Chair, Marc Morgenstern, at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
<b>Roll Call</b>	<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Chair Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Victor Davich, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, and Boardmember Naomi Seligman.</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> None</p> <p><b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> Patty Wong, Director of Library Services; Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Administrative Assistant; Bryce Snell, community member; Bill Parent, community member; and Shawn Lawndres, Social Services Commission.</p>
<b>Public Input</b>	None.
<b>Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance for Public Officers</b>	<p>Naomi Seligman took the oath or affirmation of allegiance for public officers and was sworn in as a new Library Boardmember.</p> <p>Chair Marc Morgenstern thanked outgoing Boardmember Bryce Snell for his dedication and years of service with the Library Board.</p>
<b>Introduction of New Library Boardmember Naomi Seligman</b>	Newly appointed Boardmember Naomi Seligman introduced herself and shared a little of her background.
<b>Approval of the Library Board Minutes</b>	<p>Motion by Chair Marc Morgenstern, seconded by Boardmember Victor Davich to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of June 1, 2017. The motion was approved by the following vote:</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Chair Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Victor Davich, and Naomi Seligman.</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> None</p> <p><b>ABSTAINING:</b> Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon and Lu Plauzoles</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> None</p>

**Secretary's Report**

Patty Wong, Director of Library Services highlighted items in her Secretary's Report which included the following:

- Update on the status of the study for Additional Hours;
- Recent collaboration to develop a Santa Monica Institute training course on equity, diversity, and inclusion;
- Work with Architecture Services related to the Library's Capital Improvement Projects;
- Update on the Library Card Campaign;
- Review of Library fines;

Boardmember Victor Davich expressed concerns of cardholders blocked by overdues fees. The Board directed City staff to come back with additional data when a final report on Library Fines is presented.

Ms. Wong gave an update on Staff In-Service Day to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and shared information on StrengthsFinder. The Library Board was invited to participate, and will have the opportunity to also take the StrengthsFinder Assessment.

Library staff are working with the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library to promote Friends membership and engagement. As well as working with the Library Foundation to identify potential future leadership. Boardmember Naomi Seligman volunteered to serve as Liaison to the Library Foundation on behalf of the Library Board.

Other partnerships include collaborations with Community & Cultural Services Department. A get together has been planned for staff to have the opportunity to learn more about each departments role and programs.

Ms. Wong went over the Library Safety and Security report. Library staff is working with Library Service Offices to review and update the Library Code of Conduct.

**Discussion of Library Boardmembers Participating in a Citizen's Task Force on Homelessness.**

Social Services Chair Shawn Lawndres and Community Member Bill Parent gave an overview of the Citizen's Task Force on Homelessness, and encouraged the Library Board to consider working with the citywide steering.

**Discussion of Committee Board Development**

Boardmember Lu Plauzoles presented notes for consideration for expansion of the Library Board. The following were highlighted: Library Board is the only City board with five members; opportunity to expand and have a more diverse board; quorum of three members is not good representation; and challenges presented in creating ad hoc committees.

**Discussion of Library Board letters in Support of Federal Funding**

No discussion.

**Discussion of a Library Board Retreat**

The board discussed possible agenda items and provided City staff with possible retreat dates.

**Board Discussion of Nationwide Current Library Trends and Review of Library Journal Articles**

Boardmember Victor Davich shared an article from the Library Journal regarding a program where incarcerated prisoners were taught how to repair Library books.

**Reports from Library Boardmembers on Their Attendance at Library Programs or on Feedback from the Community**

Boardmember Victor Davich commented on his attendance at this year's YALLWEST event.

**What Are You Reading?**

The Board discussed what books they are reading, what music they are listening to, or movies they are watching.

**Agenda Building for the Next Meeting**

Future agenda item: Citizenship Corners

**Adjournment**

On the order of the Chair, Marc Morgenstern, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong  
Library Director

Marc Morgenstern  
Library Board Chair

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