



MINUTES
SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING VIA
TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361 SIGNED BY,
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

LIVE STREAM:
<https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/jzypurbz>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Chair Plauzoles called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

List in order called during the meeting.

Present: Chair Plauzoles, Boardmember Arnold and Boardmember Klein.

Absent: Boardmember Ferreira

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

1. Special Agenda Items

a. 2021 Library Accomplishments

i. Cecilia Tovar, Principal Librarian – Community Engagement & Programming

Tovar gave an overview of the Library's 2021 accomplishments focused on stability, reconnecting and healing. Accomplishments highlighted:

- Reopening Main, Pico, and Ocean Park Branch (self-service), and continuing Curbside Service
- Restoring department-wide staffing, with an emphasis on youth librarians who were drastically impacted during budget reductions
- Reactivating programming and develop community activity kits
- ILS migration.
- Continuing to build strong community partnerships
- Engage literacy program volunteers
- Improve internal and external communications

b. Secretary's Report

i. Erica Cuyugan, Interim City Librarian

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

- Santa Monica Homeless Count scheduled for January 2022
- The appointment of Susan Cline as Santa Monica's Assistant City Manager, and Rick Valte as Public Works Director
- New databases added to the library's resources, providing additional digital magazines and databases focused on skill-building, work -preparedness and literacy.
- Review of the Midyear Budget Proposals at the February 8th Council Meeting

2. Consent Calendar -

a. Staff recommends approval of the following Special Library Board meeting minutes:

i. November 4, 2021

Tabled for next board meeting.

3. Staff Administrative Items

- a. Staff recommendation to use the Boards and Commissions meeting exception and move to meeting bi-monthly through June 30, 2022.
 - i. Erica Cuyugan, Interim City Librarian

Klein inquired to whether a hybrid model of virtual and in-person board meetings would be accommodated, preserving option to offer attendance virtually.

MOTION

Arnold moved and Plauzoles seconded a motion to hold board meetings on a bi-monthly basis through June 30, 2022. The motion carried unanimously

- b. Staff recommendation to permanently change board meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. once in-person meetings commence.
 - i. Erica Cuyugan, Interim City Librarian

Tabled for next board meeting.

4. Library Board Member Discussion Items-

- a. Discussion of board liaison roles with community and neighborhood groups.
 - i. Lu Plauzoles, Chair

Plauzoles shared the importance to show presence at local neighborhood and community groups to answer questions and advocate for library when possible.

Adjournment

Chair Plauzoles adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Erica Cuyugan

Lucien Plauzoles

Secretary

Chair