

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025; 4:30 pm

Chair Stephanie Postma called the regular meeting of the Austin Public Library Board to order at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2025, at the Austin Public Library.

PRESENT: Melissa Bonorden, Kristi Beckman, Ted Hinchcliffe, Stephanie Postma, Tim Rietz, Valerie Sheedy

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Clinefelter

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Gema Alvarado-Guerrero, Jwokamer Debock, Sue Grove, Nitaya Jandragholica

AGENDA:

Valerie Sheedy moved to approve the agenda; Melissa Bonorden seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ted Hinchcliffe, seconded by Valerie Sheedy, to approve the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

EXPENSES AND FINANCE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Ted Hinchcliffe to approve expenditures and accept the finance reports for December 2025. Melissa Bonorden seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

SELCO Report:

Valerie Sheedy noted that SELCO continues to work through strategic planning. The organization is also looking at a role and procedures for a board liaison.

POLICY REVIEW:

Valerie Sheedy moved to continue adoption of the ALA Library Bill of Rights, seconded by Ted Hinchcliffe. Motion carried.

Valerie Sheedy moved to approve the Library Board Job Description without changes, seconded by Kristi Beckman. Motion carried.

Ted Hinchcliffe moved to approve the Data Privacy Policy without changes, seconded by Valerie Sheedy. Motion carried.

OPERATIONAL REPORT:

Julie Clinefelter provided a written report prior to the board meeting, and reviewed the following items:

A librarian has been out on medical leave and is expected to return in February.

Julie will update the board in February/March on progress on the staff portion of the Implementation Plan.

The Integrated Library System (ILS) migration begins this spring. Computer systems are expected to be down for a day or two. During this time patrons can check out books, but staff will not be able to access the system to look up cards. The library will remain open during this time.

Planning to design and build a sculpture called 'Millie the Mill Pond Monster' has begun. The library will apply for a SELCO community collaboration grant to help pay for materials. The sculpture will be integrated into summer reading programming in 2025.

The Rochester public school ban of 'The Rainbow Parade' by Emily Neilson was discussed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Rietz moved to adjourn at 5:28 pm; Valerie Sheedy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bonorden, Board Secretary