



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Kinetic Room at the Gateway Library, 5036 S. Eastmark Pkwy on March, 24<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### BOARD PRESENT

Lonica Rowley, Chair  
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, Vice Chair  
Karina Wilhelm  
Ellen Bachman  
Megan Sterling  
James Martherus

### BOARD ABSENT

Mark Powell  
Jo Wilson  
Christal Cline  
GUESTS PRESENT  
Charlotte McDermott  
Nicole Lind

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Brandon Williams  
Stacey Akahoshi  
Jenn Lopez  
Megan Guderian  
Zach Gomez-Robinson  
Sara Lipich  
Erin Jones

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lonica Rowley at 5:32pm

2. Approval of January 20th Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes were Moved by Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson and Seconded by James Martherus. The minutes were not voted on and will be moved for approval at the May meeting.

3. Items from Citizens' Present

No Public Comments. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

None. No votes taken.

### **Discussion Items:**

5a . Hear a presentation on the City of Mesa's AI Initiative

Stacey Akahoshi, Library Branch Coordinator gave a presentation on the city of Mesa's AI Initiative. No Votes Taken.

5b. Hear a presentation on America 250

Jesse Simms, Assistant Library Director, gave a presentation on America 250. No votes taken.

5c. Hear a presentation on collection development guidelines and parental control information

Nicole Lind, Librarian III and Polly Bonnett, Library Director gave a presentation on collection development guidelines and parental control information. No votes taken.

6. Identify items for future agendas

No items identified. No votes taken.

7. Hear reports from Library Advisory Board Members on current events, meetings, and/or educational topics related to public library matters

Karina Wilhelm shared with the board that she is working with a Paper Preservation group. No votes taken.

8. Adjournment

Karina Wilhelm motioned, and Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the action minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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