



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

November 18th, 2025

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the THINKspot at the Dobson Ranch Library, 2425 S Dobson Rd. on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### BOARD PRESENT

Lonica Rowley *Chair*  
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, *Vice Chair*  
Megan Sterling  
Jo Wilson  
Christal Cline  
Karina Wilhelm  
Ellen Bachman  
Mark Powell

### BOARD ABSENT

James Martherus

### GUESTS PRESENT

Charlotte McDermott  
Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre  
Lee Swanson

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Stacey Akahoshi  
Jenn Lopez  
Megan Guderian  
Zach Gomez-Robinson  
Anna Mathews  
Sara Lipich  
Tony Garvey

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of September 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes

The September 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting minutes were moved by Ellen Bachman and seconded by Megan Sterling. The minutes were unanimously approved by all board members present.

3. Public Comments

No Public Comments. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

All staff and board members introduced themselves. No votes taken.

5. Facilitated Design Charette for the Red Mountain Library Children's Room

Lee Swanson, with Richard Kennedy Architects facilitated a Design Charette for the Library Board. This design Charette feedback will be used in the future for the Red Mountain Library Children's Room Project. No votes taken.

6. Hear a presentation on how a grant awarded to The Mesa Room will enhance the space

Library Associate Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre gave a presentation to the board about a grant awarded to the library's Mesa Room for new technology. No votes taken.

7. Directors Update

Library Director Polly Bonnett gave an update on current library staff salaries and benefits and how they compare to cities around the valley. Polly also shared that in the new year, Board Members will have time to present their own library updates to the board at each meeting. No votes taken.

8. Identify items for future agendas

None. No votes taken.

9. Next meeting dates

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Main Library – 64 E 1<sup>st</sup> Mesa, AZ 85201.

10. Adjournment

Jo Wilson Motioned, and Mark Powell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 18th Day of November 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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ZACHARY GOMEZ-ROBINSON, ADMIN SUPPORT ASST III