



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

March 21, 2023

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Board Room at the Main Library Branch, 64 East 1st Street, on March 21, 2023 at 5:31 p.m.

### BOARD PRESENT

Ralph Wilson, *Vice Chair*  
Jo Wilson  
Cindy Smith  
Ellen Bachman  
James Martherus  
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson

### BOARD ABSENT

Steven Miner, *Chair*  
Jeff Clubb  
Alisha Ward

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Tony Garvey  
Brandon Williams  
Tenecia Phillips  
Brenna Klassen  
Jeff Robbins  
Kellie Rorex

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of January 17, 2023, minutes

The January 17<sup>th</sup> minutes were moved by Jo Wilson and seconded by Ralph Wilson. The minutes were unanimously approved by all board members present.

3. Public Comments

No public comments. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, welcomed the new Library Board Members joining the Advisory Board, James Martherus and Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson. James and Kristin introduced themselves and shared what drew them to join the Board. All other Board members and staff present introduced themselves to the new Board members. No other recognitions or announcements. No votes taken.

5. City of Mesa General Plan Update

Jeff Robbins and Kellie Rorex from the City of Mesa's Development Services and Planning Department offered an overview of the City of Mesa's General plan 2024 update that is currently underway. They shared that this document being developed is a guide for policy decisions over the next 10 years and will be brought to the Mesa voters for final approval in 2024. No votes taken.

6. MPL Literacy Initiatives

Librarian III, Brenna Klassen, offered a presentation on Literacy Initiatives MPL is currently working on this fiscal year. She highlighted the Kindergarten Library card sign-up initiative MPL started in 2023, which has provided hundreds of children with new library cards since its inception. She discussed how MPL Librarians focus on building relationships with multiple schools each year and are the main point of contact for teachers and school librarians when connecting with MPL, our programs and our resources. No votes taken.

7. Library Strategic Plan

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, provided an update on the new MPL strategic plan that has been developed over the last year. She reminded the Board of the community survey that was conducted last summer, the focus groups that were held with MPL stakeholders, and how the Library has taken the feedback and updated strategic plan with new priorities for the next few years. No votes taken.

8. Identify items for future agendas

Jo Wilson asked to see a presentation on the library's budget and Polly also identified the Dobson Ranch public art project that can be brought to the Board in a future meeting. No votes taken.

9. Next meeting dates

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Location, Library Board Room at the Main Library.

10. Adjournment

Ralph Wilson motioned, and Jo Wilson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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TONY GARVEY, MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II