



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Saguaro Room at the Main Library, 64 E 1<sup>st</sup> St. on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm

### BOARD PRESENT

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

### BOARD ABSENT

Jo Wilson

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Stacey Akahoshi  
Jenn Lopez  
Brandon Williams  
Megan Guderian  
Zach Gomez-Robinson  
Anna Mathews  
Sara Lipich  
Candace Cannistraro

### GUESTS PRESENT

Charlotte McDermott  
John Sheffer

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May 20th Minutes

The May 20th minutes were moved by Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson and seconded by James Martherus. 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. Election of the Vice Chair

James Martherus motioned to nominate Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson as Vice Chair, Christal Cline seconded. Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson is elected Vice Chair with no opposition. Motion passes.

6. Hear an Overview of library services that include library programs, Mesa Public Library's strategic plan, Staff Support, and Library Budget

Library Director Polly Bonnett, Assistant Library Director Jesse Simms, and Library Technology Administrator Brandon Williams gave a presentation to the library board on library programs, the strategic plan, staff support and the library budget.

7. Hear a presentation on co-location opportunities with Mesa Public Schools

John Sheffer, Deputy Director of Development Services, gave a presentation on opportunities for co-locations with Mesa Public Schools. No votes taken.

8. Directors Update

Library Director Polly Bonnett gave an update on the Red Mountain Libraries 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Gateway Library Grand Opening Date, and information about the upcoming Community Read. No votes taken.

9. Identify items for future agendas

Library Board Member Karina Wilhelm expressed interest in a presentation on staff salaries and how we compare to local cities in the Valley. No votes taken.

10. Next meeting dates

November 18th, 2025 – Location, THINKspot, Dobson Ranch Library

11. Adjournment

Christal Cline motioned, and Ellen Bachman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:42 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September 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