



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Saguaro Room at the Main Library, 64 East 1<sup>st</sup> St. on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### BOARD PRESENT

Lonica Rowley, Chair  
Mark Powell  
Jo Wilson  
Ellen Bachman  
Christal Cline  
Megan Sterling  
James Martherus

### BOARD ABSENT

Karina Wilhelm  
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson

### STAFF PRESENT

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

### GUESTS PRESENT

Cory Black  
Michelle Trejo  
Justin Mattingly-Jones

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting Minutes

The November 18th Meeting minutes were moved by Megan Sterling and seconded by Jo 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

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

5. Library Advisory Board members present items they would like to share with the group

No Presentations this month. No Votes Taken.

6. Hear an update on the Gateway Library and the Grand Opening Celebration

Erin Jones, Library Branch Coordinator II, Gave a presentation and update on the Gateway Library and its Grand Opening Celebration. No votes taken.

7. Hear a presentation about the City of Mesa's Office of Innovation and Efficiency

Michelle Trejo, Performance Administrator, presented an overview of her department called Office of Innovation and Efficiency. No votes taken.

8. Hear an update on the Library's Volunteer Services Program and Used Book Sales

Cory Black, Volunteer Coordinator, gave an update on the library's volunteer program and Used Book Sales. No votes taken.

9. Directors Update

Assistant Library Director, Jesse Simms gave an update on Mesa Reads, Staffing Announcements, and future website Redesign. No votes taken.

10. Identify items for future agendas

Megan Sterling asked for an overview on the Summer Reading Program and Lonica Rowley asked for a presentation on Stuffbrary. No votes taken.

11. Next meeting dates

March 23, 2026 – Gateway Library 5036 S Eastmark Pkwy - Community Room

12. Adjournment

Jo Wilson Motioned, and Ellen Bachman 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026. 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