



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

ACTION MINUTES

May 19th 2026

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Board Room at the Main Library, 64 E. First St. on May 19, 2026.

BOARD PRESENT

Lonica Rowley, Chair
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, Vice Chair
Ellen Bachman
James Martherus
Christal Cline

BOARD ABSENT

Jo Wilson
Karina Wilhelm

STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett
Jesse Simms
Brandon Williams
Stacey Akahoshi
Jenn Lopez
Megan Guderian
Laryssa Wells
Zach Gomez-Robinson
Sara Lipich
Erin Jones
Caroline Lewicki
Anna Mathews
Courtney Myrick

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lonica Rowley at 5:33pm

2. Approval of January 20th & March 24th Meeting Minutes

The January 20th meeting minutes were moved by James Martherus and seconded by Christal Cline. AYES - Lonica Rowley, Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, Ellen Bachman, James Martherus, and Christal Cline.

The March 24th meeting minutes were moved by Christal Cline and seconded by Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson. AYES - Lonica Rowley, Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, Ellen Bachman, James Martherus, and Christal Cline.

3. Items from Citizens' Present

No Public Comments. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

Zach Gomez-Robinson, Management Assistant I, introduced Courtney Myrick to the Library Advisory Board as the new ASA III. No votes taken.

Discussion Items:

5a. Hear a presentation on the 2025 Summer Reading Program and a preview of the 2026 Summer Reading Program

Caroline Lewicki, Librarian I, gave a presentation on the 2025 Summer Reading Program and a preview of the 2026 Summer Reading Program. No votes taken.

5b. Hear a presentation on the libraries ULC Civic Makers Lab Grant

Laryssa Wells, Librarian II, gave a presentation on the library's ULC Civic Makers Lab Grant. No votes taken.

5c. Hear a presentation on the libraries proposed FY 26/27 Budget

Nicole Lind, Librarian III and Polly Bonnett, Library Director, gave a presentation on the library's proposed FY 26/27 Budget. No votes taken.

6. Identify items for future agendas

Christal Cline requested a future presentation regarding the library's early career and workforce development resources available to teens, young adults, and individuals entering the workforce. No votes taken.

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

Lonica Rowley, Chair, shared information regarding a recent Mesa Public Schools Parent Council meeting discussing a proposed school bond measure expected to appear in the November ballot. No votes taken.

8. Adjournment

Lonica Rowley motioned, and Christal Cline 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 19th day of May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Courtney Myrick, Administrative Support Assistant III