



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

January 16, 2024

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Board Room at the Main Library Branch, 64 East 1st Street, on January 16, 2024 at 5:34 p.m.

### BOARD PRESENT

Ralph Wilson, *Chair*  
Jeff Clubb, *Vice Chair*  
Ellen Bachman  
Lonica Rowley  
Jo Wilson  
Steven Miner  
James Martherus

### BOARD ABSENT

Alisha Ward  
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Tenecia Philips  
Erin Jones  
Tony Garvey  
Anna Mathews  
Megan Guderian  
Brandon Williams

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 21, 2023 minutes

The November 21<sup>st</sup> minutes were moved by Jeff Clubb 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

All staff and Board members present introduced themselves. No votes taken.

5. Gateway Library Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, gave an update on the Gateway Library discussing the budget constraints, shared the programming of the space, and timeline for a groundbreaking. Board discussed the project scope. No votes taken.

6. Program Development

Branch Coordinators, Erin Jones, Anna Mathews, and Tenecia Philips discussed Mesa Public Library's approach to program development, program evaluation, and the current and year-over-year statistics on the programs. Board discussed program selections and complimented the Teen Mental Health programming that MPL hosted. No votes taken.

7. Director's Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, shared with the Board that City of Mesa's budget season is kicking off starting in January, and Fiscal Year 2025's budget will be in development for the next few months. Polly then highlighted how *First Things, First* Family Resource Center is coming to the Main branch, to be located in the basement, taking the place of the former Arizona@Work offices. Polly discussed the concept of lobby stops and how soon the program will be kicking off, supported by MPL Outreach team. She also reminded Board members of the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly, Polly shared the expansion of the Collection Support Services systemwide support team, adding a Librarian II selector to the team this FY. This position will be a key part of the Opening Day collection being developed for the Gateway Library. No votes taken.

8. Identify items for future agendas

No votes taken.

9. Next meeting dates

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Location, Library Board Room at the Main Library.

10. Adjournment

Steven Miner motioned, and Ralph Wilson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:41 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. 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