



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

ACTION MINUTES

March 18th, 2025

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the THINKspot at the Dobson Ranch Library, 2425 S Dobson Rd. on March 18th 2025, at 5:33pm

BOARD PRESENT

Ralph Wilson *Chair*
Lonica Rowley *Vice Chair*
Christal Cline
Karina Wilhelm
Jo Wilson
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson
Ellen Bachman
James Martherus

BOARD ABSENT

Mark Powell

STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett
Jesse Simms
Tony Garvey
Erin Jones
Megan Guderian
Zach Gomez-Robinson
Anna Mathews
Stacey Akahoshi

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Tolar
Charlotte McDermott

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of January 21st minutes

The January 21st minutes were moved by Karina Wilhelm and seconded by Christal Cline. The minutes were unanimously approved by all board members present.

3. Public Comments

Citizen, Bill Maynard gave a proposal to add an Amateur Radio Station in the Red Mountain Library. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

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

5. Education and Workforce Round Table Update | Read on Mesa | Family Resource Center

Education and Workforce Administrator, Sarah Tolar gave a presentation on The Mesa Education and Workforce office. No votes taken.

6. Capital Improvement Project Presentation

Assistant Library Director, Jesse Simms gave a presentation about the libraries' current Capital Improvement Projects. No Votes Taken.

7. Library Performance Measures

Management Assistant II, Tony Garvey gave a presentation on Library Performance Measures. No votes taken.

8. Director's Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, shared information about the recent beam signing at the Gateway Library construction site. Polly also shared that the Read Runner will be launching at Celebrate Mesa on April 12th and the Libraries budget presentation to Council will take place on April 24th. Lastly, Polly shared information about two AZ State Bills that could have an effect on Library Services statewide. No votes taken.

9. Identify items for future agendas

Jo Wilson noted more discussion on the Education and Workforce Dashboard, Karina Wilhem mentioned more discussion on IMLS Defunding, and The Board would like further discussion on the State bills shared by Polly. No votes taken.

10. Next meeting dates

May 20th, 2025 – Location, 2nd floor Boardroom, Main Library.

11. Adjournment

Jo Wilson motioned, and Christal Cline seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 18th day of March 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

ZACHARY GOMEZ-ROBINSON, ADMIN SUPPORT ASST III