



# LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

## ACTION MINUTES

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Board Room at the Main Library, 64 E 1<sup>st</sup> St. on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm.

### BOARD PRESENT

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

### BOARD ABSENT

Mark Powell  
James Martherus

### STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett  
Jesse Simms  
Brandon Williams  
Tony Garvey  
Megan Guderian  
Tenecia Phillips  
Zach Gomez-Robinson  
Anna Mathews  
Stacey Akahoshi  
Cory Black

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 19<sup>th</sup> minutes

The November 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were moved by Jo Wilson and seconded by Karina Wilhelm. 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. Volunteer Services Annual Report

Volunteer Coordinator Cory Black gave a presentation and report on Volunteer Services for the calendar year 2024. No votes taken.

6. Marketing Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett gave an update on Library Marketing. No votes taken.

7. Mesa Room Tour

Library Associate, Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre gave a tour of the Mesa Room. No votes taken.

8. Director's Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett introduced "Voices for Libraries 2025." The state library is looking for individuals to go to Washington D.C. and advocate for library services. Each state will nominate no more than 8 individuals to attend. Polly mentioned if any board members are interested, they need to apply by Thursday. Polly let the board know that City Manager Chris Brady will be retiring at the end of May. No votes taken.

9. Identify items for future agendas

No votes taken.

10. Next meeting dates

March 18<sup>th</sup> , 2025 – Location, THINKspot Dobson Ranch Library

11. Adjournment

Jo Wilson motioned, and Lonica Rowley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:17 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 21st day of January 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