

Meeting Minutes

Library Board Regular Meeting

January 21, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.
Chandler Library
22 S. Delaware St. Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Alexis Merritt at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Board President Alexis Merritt – Present
Board Vice-President Jennifer Pawlik– Present
Board member Michael McElhany – Present
Board member Parker McCarthy – Present
Board member Faith Risolo – Present
Board member Arman Sidhu – Not present

Staff Attendance

Rachelle Kuzyk, Library Manager - Virtual
Sue Van Horne, Assistant Library Manager
Courtney Allen, Management Analyst

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Consent Agenda

1. November 19, 2024 Library Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Vice-President Pawlik, Board member McCarthy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Action Agenda

1. Move Library Board to nominate and approve a new Board Vice-President.
Board member McElhany nominated Board member Pawlik. Board member Pawlik accepted.
Board member McElhany made a motion to elect Board member Pawlik as the new Library Board Vice-President, Board member Risolo seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Briefing

1. Library Manager's Report – Rachelle Kuzyk

The Library Manager's Report was provided to the Library Board in advance of the meeting for Board member's review.

Board member McElhany inquired about the security guard position request that library staff put forward to the City Manager's office as part of the annual change request process. Board member McElhany was surprised to hear that there are so many security issues at the library. Rachelle informed the board that this is the third year we have requested a new position for a full-time permanent security guard at the downtown library. The past two years the request has been approved as a temporary position. The board inquired if they could vote in support of the position request or go to Council and speak to their support. Courtney explained that the board cannot vote because this is just part of the discussion and not an action item on the agenda. Rachelle and Courtney will inquire with the Clerk's office to get their opinion on the best method for the board to show their support.

Board President Merritt inquired on the trajectory of the Chandler Discovery Bookmobile. Rachelle informed the board that we are still on the schedule to receive the vehicle in April. The City of Mesa ordered their vehicle months before us and they have not received theirs yet, so it's possible that as things get down to the finishing details, we might see some delay, but right now, they are still telling us that early April is the completion date. Board member Merritt asked once we receive the vehicle how long until we can expect to see it on the road and if there is anything the board can do to support the unveiling? Rachelle responded that she hopes it will be out in the community within two to three months after we receive it, and we can discuss it more at the March meeting once we have a more firm delivery date and can begin to plan.

Information Items

1. Board member Pawlik would like to bring House Bill 2014 to the attention of the Library Board members.

As a former legislator, Board member Pawlik states the importance of keeping an eye on what the legislature is doing. House Bill 2014 came across a list that Board member Pawlik was looking at and she felt it is not a bill to be concerned with, it's just flexible language. Board member Pawlik inquired if we should have the City of Chandler government affairs log in as in support, as she was unsure if this is something you do or don't do with this particular bill. Typically, bills are first read and assigned to a committee, and then you can log in and say if you're in support or not in support. If it goes to the committee, you can testify to say you want this bill to pass. Ryan Peters, Chandler's Strategic Initiatives Director, believes this bill has been introduced before, and it has been used as what they call a striker. So as things start moving, they'll strike all the language and put something else in. Rachelle reached out to Ryan Peters, and they feel this bill doesn't particularly affect our group because our Library Board does not do any of the reporting. The city does all the reporting as part of its overall annual municipal reporting. Ryan did state that if it were to come down to it, he would be in support of the language giving libraries that do have this requirement the extra

time to file any reporting. Board member Pawlik also informed the board to visit azlegal.gov if they are interested in other interesting things coming up with legislation in libraries.

Calendar

1. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Basha Library Program Room, 5990 S. Val Vista Dr. Chandler, AZ 85249.
2. The next Friends of the Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the Downtown Library Copper Conference Room, 22 S. Delaware St. Chandler, AZ 85225.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Board member McElhany, Board member McCarthy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Courtney Allen, Board Liaison

Alexis Merritt, Board President