

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Board of Library Trustees  
Date of Meeting: November 8, 2021  
Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: In-person and Virtual

Present:  
Donna Goldware– President  
Dwight Tate  
Harmander Gill  
Aaron Peters  
Jenna Pontious  
Bianca Corales

Absent: Teresa Seipel - Vice President

Staff:  
Erin Christmas, Library Director  
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager  
Angela Henson, Sr. Management Analyst  
Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Goldware and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

**Item 1 Public Comment**

There were no e-comments or public comments.

**Item 2 Approve September 13, 2021, Board of Library Trustees meeting minutes**

The minutes of the Board of Library Trustees meeting of September 13, 2021, were approved as presented.

Motion: Peters  
Second: Tate  
Ayes: Unanimous

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Item 3 Approval of Trust Fund Expenditures**

**Item 4 Formal Acceptance of Gift Fund Donations**

**Item 5 Incident Report**

Trustee Goldware briefly discussed if there was increase in incidents. Director Christmas responded that there were no increases in incidents. There was no further discussion on consent calendar items.

Motion: Pontious  
Second: Tate  
Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

**Item 6 Brown Act Training – City Attorney Office**

Phaedra Norton, City Attorney, provided a presentation on the Brown Act Training.

No action taken.

**Item 7 Late Fines Eliminated at Los Angeles County, New York Public Libraries and other Libraries**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, provided an informational report on the trend of late fines being eliminated at Los Angeles County, New Public Libraries and other libraries such as Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage. Trustee Pontious inquired if the public has made any inquiries on New York libraries going fine free. Director Christmas stated there were no inquiries.

The Board requested an update in a year.

No action taken.

**Item 8 2022 Meeting Schedule**

Erin Christmas, Library Director, provided the 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Library Trustees. The meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of every month at 5 p.m. in person or virtually at the Art Pick City Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.

The second Monday of every month is as follows:

January 10	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10 – City Observed Holiday
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

No action taken.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION

**Item 9 Brief reports on conferences, seminars and meetings attended by Board Members**

No items reported

**Item 10 Brief reports on conferences, seminars and meetings attended by Library Director**

Library Director Christmas reported the following:

1. On November 9, 2021, the City Council will receive a staff report on the American Rescue Plan Act with approximately \$1.5 million towards four library projects. An update to the Board of Library Trustees will be provided on December 13, 2021.
2. On November 16, 2021, the City Council will receive a staff report on the Naming Rights Campaign led by Riverside Public Library Foundation.
3. On November 3, 2021, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership presented the Main Library with the Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award for the category under Arts Innovation.

**Item 11 Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as requested by Board**

No items requested.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.  
Submitted by: Angela Henson



Board of Library Trustee

