



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La Retama Room

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A. Call To Order

Marilena Garza called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Marilena Garza, Pooja Bindingnavale, Jennifer Anderson, Ann Coover, Pat Craig, Carroll Matthews

Present Virtually:

Absent: Alice Hawkins, Carrie Moore, Dora Wilburn

C. Public Comment

1. [26-1220](#) August 4, 2026 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue spoke before Item 5, Janet F. Harte Public Library Update. He thanked staff for posting the presentation early but felt that no explanations were given about valuations and how they were collected, what properties were used for comps, etc. He said the city manager mentioned a bond for a new library, but that isn't listed in the options. He felt that only the partition option was considered and that transparency is missing.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-1221](#) July 7, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [July 7, 2026 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Jennifer Anderson and seconded by Ann Coover. All voted to approve the July minutes but Pat Craig, who abstained due to previous absence. Pat Craig asked that her previous absence be excused. Marilena Garza motioned to excuse her absence, Jennifer Anderson seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-1222](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- Jennifer Anderson said that there are a few weeks left to finish the adult summer reading program.
- The Friends will have a table with the library at the downtown farmer's market.
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi will be hosting a screening of the documentary "The Librarians" at The Art Museum of South Texas on Friday, August 21.
- Marilena Garza asked for details on requirements for laptops mentioned previously. Laura Garcia gave details on requirements and said that donations would need to go through the Friends. She also wanted to be clear that any technology equipment, such as laptops, have to be approved by IT before the library can accept it.

F. Director's Report

4. [26-1223](#) Director's Report

- Laura Garcia gave statistics from the children's summer reading program which showed increased participation compared to 2025.
- La Retama Central Library's CDBG grant for an ADA compliant restroom in the children's area, valued at \$146, 487.47, was on the July 28 City Council agenda. Second reading will be on August 11.

5. [26-1224](#) Janet F. Harte Public Library Update

Attachments:

[Letter To City Council - Final.](#)

[Approved Garcia Harte Summer 2026 Operating Hours Current Hours](#)

[August 4, 2026 Library Board Harte Presentation](#)

- Janet F. Harte Public Library Update- Laura gave an update on Janet F. Harte Public Library. Topics included Background, The Intergovernmental Agreement, Texas Education Code Section 61.1031, Joint Town Hall Meeting – August 25, 2025, Options Explored, Partition Wall Assessment, Pre-Design Assessment Scope, and Estimated Cost & Timeline. Comments by Board Members included that responsibility for complying with the new requirements lies with FBISD not the City, and a request to get an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether the TEA requirements apply to Harte Library since it is not an instructional facility. Laura also replied to questions regarding the contract, who paid for the pre-design, restroom location, and staffing. She also stated that the pre-design did not provide detailed information on type of construction material, how door into shared space would open or be secured, but would share information once that was available. Marilena Garza asked that the minutes show that she requests a representative from the City Legal Department and Engineering to give more information on the proposed design

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

- None

I. Future Agenda Items

- None

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:43 am.