



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

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A. Call To Order

Marilena Garza called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Marilena Garza, Pooja Bindingnavale, Jennifer Anderson, Ann Coover, Carroll Matthews, Carrie Moore,

Present Virtually: Alice Hawkins, Dora Wilburn

Absent: Pat Craig

C. Public Comment

1. [26-0994](#) July 7, 2026 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue is concerned with lack of progress and transparency with the Harte Library. He questioned whether staff is even meeting with FBISD. He said that the original agreement gives the city's authority over everything – parking, hours, etc. and the city manager is not upholding the agreement. He said the agreement says the city is not responsible for school policies so why is the city spending a dime to look at school security issues? The city is not enforcing its legal authority. The city should purchase the property as allowed in the agreement.

- Julie Rogers commended the library board for paying attention to the goals and objectives included in the annual report: to strengthen system resilience, restore staff capacity, reinforce library's role in literacy (etc.), and support funding. She said the report previously given by the chair helped accomplish this.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-0995](#) June 2, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [June 2, 2026 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

- Marilena Garza motioned to amend the June minutes to correct Dorothea Castanon's title to managing librarian, instead of managing director. Ann Coover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the June minutes as amended was made by Marilena Garza, Ann Coover seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-0996](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- Jennifer Anderson said that the Friends supported Magic at the Library by Bronson Chadwick and secured funding through the Texas Commission on the Arts for him to perform. They also had a table at the Grow Local Farmers Market. Marilena Garza asked if there was any update on the laptops previously mentioned for the high school program. Jennifer said she would get more details.

F. Director's Report

[26-0997](#) Director's Report

- Laura Garcia gave an update on Summer Reading statistics, outreaches held during the summer, and provided the schedule of the upcoming proposed budget input sessions.

G. Unfinished Business

4. [26-0680](#) Letter To City Council Regarding Janet F. Harte Library

Attachments: [Dear Mayor Guajardo and Members of the Corpus Christi City Council](#)
[Updated Draft Letter to City Council](#)

- Marilena called for a ten-minute recess for review at 11:00. Recess was called to close at 11:10. Carrie Moore suggested removing the line starting with "(TEC) 46.001" after the code number to remove reference to TEC 28.002. Marilena Garza motioned to strike the sentence, Carrie Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Carrie Moore motioned to strike the next sentence, and rewrite is as "according to TEC 46.001, the definition of an educational facility is" and have footnote define what curriculum means, and then "based on these definitions". Pooja Bindingnavele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marilena Garza motioned to strike the sentence that starts with "we also have been informed that" and the sentence will start with "City staff" and remove "in effect" from the sentence as well. Jennifer Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pooja Bindingnavele motioned to remove the last sentence from the letter, Carrie Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carrie Moore motioned to remove the sentence that states when the library

board meets, Pooja Bindingnavele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Anne Coover motioned to change the current last sentence to “we look forward to discussing possible outcomes and concerns regarding the Janet F. Harte library with the mayor and city council” Pooja seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Carrie Moore said the sentence that begins with “the library is not part of a curriculum” should be changed from “in the event this position is correct” to “if Harte library does not meet the definition of an educational facility, it must return to its prior unrestricted status”. After discussion, Carrie Moore motioned to amend this sentence to read “If Harte library does not meet the definition of an educational facility, it should be returned to its prior unrestricted status.” Pooja Bindingnavele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The letter was read in entirety. Pooja Bindingnavele moved to approve the letter as amended dated July 7, 2026. Marilena Garza seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter as amended passed unanimously.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

- None.

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:47 am.