



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library

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A. Call To Order

Marilena Garza called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Marilena Garza, Pooja Bindingnavele, Jennifer Anderson, Ann Coover, Pat Craig, Carroll Matthews, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: Alice Hawkins

Absent: Carrie Moore

C. Public Comment

1. [26-0165](#) February 3, 2026 Public Comment

- Tom Tagliabue asked why the January minutes were not initially added to the February agenda but added a few days later. He felt that the minutes should not be voted on due to delayed posting. He also expressed frustration with no items relating to Harte Library and felt that a reset of some kind was needed with the board.
- Josh Shelton felt that the library is missing opportunities to bring people together, He felt that the library caters to existing users but does not reach out to the broader community.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

2. [26-0166](#) January 6, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Attachments: [January 6, 2026 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

Pooja Bindingnavele made a motion to amend the January minutes to show Item 6, Election of Officers, was moved before Approval of Minutes. Ann Coover seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes as amended except Alice Hawkins, who

abstained.

E. Committee Reports

3. [26-0167](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends will have their first membership meeting on March 1st at Harte Library at 3:00.
- They will have a table at Teen Bookfest and the Week of the Young Child. They will also be represented at the All You Need is Love and a Book event at Gibson Elementary and have a table at TAMUCC during Library Week.

F. Staff Presentation

4. [26-0169](#) Staff Presentation - Partnerships

Attachments: [CCPL Partnerships](#)

Jayne Atokuku-Vitz, Managing Librarian at Janet F. Harte Public Library, gave a presentation over CCPL partnerships. Topics included:

- What role do partnerships currently play in expanding library services?
- What characteristics make partnerships effective and sustainable?
- Where might partnerships help address emerging community needs?

G. Director's Report

5. [26-0168](#) Director's Report

- The Library Board annual report was submitted on January 21st.
- Laura Garcia gave statistics on recent warming center hours as well as an update on restricted and unrestricted library cards issued.
- La Retama Central Library will need to close for generator installation within the next month.
- Tile is being removed at La Retama Central Library in preparation for epoxy flooring to be poured in May. During that time, the library will need to be closed.
- A pottery exhibit is scheduled from April 10-April 23. Success by 6 will be held in April and this year's theme is Read, Roar, Explore.

H. Unfinished Business

- None

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

J. Future Agenda Items

6. [26-0178](#) Discussion on How Library Board Agendas are Created

Attachments: [Agenda Creation](#)

A discussion was held on how agendas are created for the Library Board. Topics included:

- What is city staff's role in creating the agenda?
- What is the library advisory board's role in creating the agenda?
- What is the timeline for completion of the agenda.

Marilena Garza expressed frustration with the process the previous month and read an excerpt from the city charter outlining the role of advisory boards. Discussion was also held expressing a desire for an update on Harte Library and possibly moving the April Library Board meeting there.

K. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:57 am.