

MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

January 23, 2025

A Special Meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners was held at the Central Library starting at 11:40 a.m. on the above-written date.

1. Roll Call:

Present:	President	Valerie Lynne Shaw
	Vice President	Linda Blank
	Commissioner	Kelly Besser
	Commissioner	Hiram Sims
	Commissioner	Mayra Valadez

Absent: None.

Also present: City Librarian John F. Szabo, Assistant City Librarian Susan Broman; Deputy City Attorney Josh M. Templet; Administrative staff and members of the public.

2. Public Comments on Matters

Within the Board's Jurisdiction: (1)

The Board heard one public comment from a patron who questioned why public comment cards don't have carbon copies.

3. City Librarian's Reports:

Discussion Item

a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water and Power for the use of the Palisades Branch Library parking lot

City Librarian John F. Szabo stated that the Library had received a request from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to use the parking lot of the Pacific Palisades Branch Library to distribute bottled water to wildfire victims, and recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between both departments for that purpose.

It was moved by Commissioner Besser and seconded by Vice President Blank and to approve the following resolution as amended. The motion passed unanimously with 5 Ayes (Besser/Blank/Shaw/Sims/Valadez); Noes: 0. Absent: 0.

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power requests the use of the Pacific Palisades Branch Library to establish a community aid water distribution center to disseminate bottled water to wildfire victims:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the recommendations and findings of the City Librarian's Board Report and approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Library Department and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to access and use the Pacific Palisades Branch Library as a distribution site to provide bottled water to wildfire victims; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the City Librarian and the City Attorney to make technical and clerical corrections, if needed, to the contract.

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Valerie Lynne Shaw
President

Raquel M. Borden
Board Executive Assistant

Approved: 2/13/2025