

# **MINUTES**

## **BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**June 23, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners was held via teleconference at 11:06 a.m. on the above-written date.

**1. Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Vice-President Commissioner Commissioner	<b>Kathryn Eidmann Arianne Edmonds Dale Franzen</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	President Commissioner	<b>Bích Ngọc Cao Josefa Salinas</b>

**Also present via teleconference:** Asst. City Librarian Susan Broman; Deputy City Attorney Basia Jankowski; Library staff and members of the public.

**2. Opening Remarks:** None

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** Regular Meeting - May 26, 2022: **Continued.**

It was moved by Commissioner Franzen and seconded by Commissioner Edmonds to continue to the next meeting the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2022 due a lack of quorum. The motion passed with 3 Ayes (Edmonds/Eidmann/Franzen). Noes: 0. Absent: 2 (Cao/Salinas).

**4. Public Comments on Matters  
Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.

**5. City Librarian's Comments  
and Announcements:** Asst. City Librarian Susan Broman reported the following on behalf of City Librarian John F. Szabo:

- **LGBTQIA Pride Month Parade:** The Library participated in the hugely successful L.A. Pride Parade in Hollywood. City Librarian John F. Szabo, along with a contingent of about 75 staff members, including the book cart drill team, Street Fleet outreach vehicle "Ginger" and the new Toyota Sienna "Sassy" joined 130 parade floats, exotic cars and performers in the parade after a two-year hiatus. Icon Grand Marshal celebrity Paula Abdul showed her support for the Library by posing with a giant library card. Library staff from Engagement and Outreach Division and staff members who are part of the LGBTQIA Services Committee attended other Pride events, including the Venice Pride and Proud of the LA County Fair; they connected with attendees to talk about library resources and they issued more than 150 library cards.

- **Central Library hosts Refugee Forum Los Angeles event:** This week, the Library hosted a panel discussion and resource fair to commemorate World Refugee Day. The event was held in cooperation with Refugee Forum Los Angeles, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office Immigrant Affairs and the Office of Civics and the Office of Civic and Community Services. Over 120 people attended and 25 people were assisted with Temporary Protected Status applications. The Library also held a clinic for Afghan and Ukrainian arrivals in the New American Center located in the International Languages Department. Ms. Broman said the forum was a success for the partnering agencies and attendees, who were able to learn about services to reconnect them with family members, enroll in job training, schooling for their kids and social services programs.
- **Juneteenth:** This is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and it is now a Federal holiday. The Library commemorated the new holiday in several ways, including blogs and suggested reading lists on the website, arts and crafts projects for children, and a special screening at Central Library of the documentary "Juneteenth: 1865-2021", which looks back at the meaning of Juneteenth and its origins in southeast Texas.
- **American Library Association (ALA) Conference and Exhibition:** This weekend, City Librarian John F. Szabo and several other staff members are representing the Los Angeles Public Library at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Library staff are sharing their projects and expertise with their peers at the conference. This year, Madeleine Ildeson, Librarian from the Engagement and Learning Division, will be presenting on the LAPL's Libraries Build Business program titled, "Building Inclusive Self-paced Programs for Entrepreneurs" and Jennifer Noble, Branch Manager at the Westwood Branch and Laurie Reese, Children's Librarian III at the Felipe de Neve Branch Library, are joining staff from other systems to present an essential topic titled, "Building Leadership and Equity with Staff Mentorship."

## 6. City Librarian's Reports:

### Consent Item(s)

It was moved by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Vice President Eidmann to approve Consent Items a and b. The motion passed with 3 Ayes (Edmonds/Eidmann/Franzen). Noes: 0. Absent: 2 (Cao/Salinas).

#### a. **Approval of Findings to Continue**

**Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361:** APPROVED.

*(Public Hearing was held at the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2021.)*

Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3 (e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

#### b. **Approval of Amendment to the Board Policy**

**on Holiday Closure of Library Facilities:** WITHDRAWN.

**7. Commissioners' Comments and Announcements**

Board President Cao announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., via Teleconference.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Eidmann  
President

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Raquel M. Borden  
Board Executive Assistant

Approved: 7/28/2022