

# MINUTES

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

**February 8, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners was held at the Central Library starting at 11:01 a.m. on the above-written date.

**1. Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	President	<b>Valerie Lynne Shaw</b>
	Vice President	<b>Linda Blank</b>
	Commissioner	<b>Kelly Besser</b>
	Commissioner	<b>Hiram Sims</b>

**Absent:** None.

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

**2. Opening Remarks:** Board President Shaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** Regular Meeting - January 25, 2024: APPROVED.

It was moved by Commissioner Besser and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held January 25, 2024. The motion passed with 4 Ayes (Besser/Blank/Shaw/Sims); Noes: 0. Absent: 0.

**4. Public Comments on Matters  
Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** (1)

The Board heard one public comment regarding the upgrade of computer software from Windows 10 to Chrome on public computers.

**5. City Librarian's Comments  
and Announcements:** Asst. City Librarian Susan Broman reported on past and upcoming events.

Vice President Blank made a request for a presentation on the Your Author Series.

**6. City Librarian's Reports:**

**Consent Items**

It was moved by Vice President Blank and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously with 4 Ayes (Besser/Blank/Shaw/Sims); Noes: 0. Absent: 0.

**a. Recommendation to accept gifts  
from the Friends of Westwood Library**

**LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3 (C-3)**

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$1,500 for the Hot Off the Press program for January to June 2024 to benefit the Westwood Branch Library received from the Friends of Westwood Library be accepted and deposited in Trust Fund 831, Account 257; and

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$1,000 to purchase Adult Materials to benefit the Westwood Branch Library received from the Friends of Westwood Library be accepted and deposited in Trust Fund 831, Account 340

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of Westwood Library expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

**7. Staff Presentations: IDEAS Grants and LA PLays! Kits**

Jené D. Brown, Director of Emerging Technologies and Collections Division, made a presentation about the IDEAS Grants program and Joanna Fabicon, Senior Librarian, Youth Services, made a presentation about the LA PLays! Kits.

**8. Commissioners' Comments  
and Announcements**

- Board President Shaw reported that the Board has an agenda that they've formed and each member would be outreaching to specific council districts and to specific divisions in the Library. She said they also have personal interest initiatives that they are all working on, because they want to add value to the system.
- Vice President Blank asked that if members of the public have specific items they're interested in discussing they should communicate with the President to place it on the agenda ahead of time, as advised by Deputy City Attorney Josh Templet.
- **Next Board Meeting Notice:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the Central Library.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Valerie Lynne Shaw  
President

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Raquel M. Borden  
Board Executive Assistant