

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library Conference Room – January 9, 2023

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library Conference Room at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas. Chair Ling Jeng, Vice-Chair Dallas Guill, and Members Cleopatra Birckbichler, Laura Cantu, Jean Greenlaw, Sandy Swan, and Jamie Taylor were in attendance.

PRESENT: Cleopatra Birckbichler, Ling Jeng, Laura Cantu, Jean Greenlaw, Sandy Swan, Jamie Taylor, and Dallas Guill

ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Cynthia Carter

GUESTS: Charlie Hunter, Alexis Clingan

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB23-008

The Board nominated and elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Library Advisory Board.

- Dr. Jeng elected for Chair
- Dallas Guill elected for Vice-Chair

B. LB23-009

Library Board Chair appointments of Library Board members to serve as liaison to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board and as liaison to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board of Trustees.

- Cleo Birckbichler chosen as liaison to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board.
- Dallas Guill chosen as liaison to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board.

C. LB23-010

The Board accepted and approved the 2023 Library Advisory Board meeting schedule. Laura Cantu motioned for approval, Cleo Birckbichler seconded, all in favor.

D. LB23-001

Consider approval of the minutes of December 12, 2022.

The Board accepted and approved amended minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting. Cleo Birckbichler motioned for approval, Dallas Guill seconded, all in favor.

E. LB23-002

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

F. LB23-003

The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

G. LB23-006

The Board received nominations and appointed Trustees to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- Charlie Hunter
- Alexis Clingan

Jean Greenlaw motioned for approval, Sandy Swan seconded, all in favor.

H. LB23-005

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Internet and Computer Use Policy

Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Cleo Birckbichler seconded, all in favor.

I. LB23-004

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding:

- 2023-2028 Library Strategic Plan – Jean Greenlaw motioned for approval, Dallas Guill seconded, all in favor.
- 2023 Library Strategic Action Plan Items – Jean Greenlaw motioned for approval, Sandy Swan seconded, all in favor.

J. LB23-007

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

Library organizational updates - Starting January 1, 2023, the following library organization changes went into effect:

- Outreach Librarian is under Library Administration, reporting to the Director of Libraries
- The North Branch Manager directly supervises all branch librarians and the Circulation Supervisor
- North Branch Assistant Manager directly supervises public services Library Assistant IIs

Emily Fowler puppet stage construction project - The puppet stage project at the Emily Fowler Central Library is complete. A faux angled wall was built in the meeting room with doors that open outward to form a puppet stage. Staff enters the puppet stage area through one of the old meeting rooms that is now connected to the area. A photo of the completed project was attached as Exhibit 2.

Library marketing plan - The library will be starting work on a marketing plan to identify marketing opportunities, create processes and standards for marketing, and define roles for marketing responsibilities. Library staff will be working with the Library's City of Denton Communications liaison to begin the project in late January.

2023 Read Across Texas Program - Denton Public Library will be participating in the 2023 Read Across Texas reading campaign. The 2023 theme is empathy. An ad-hoc committee is being created to plan an online reading program for May and events in June. The campaign is an initiative from the Texas Center for the Book and is designed to facilitate reading and discussion opportunities exploring what "empathy" could mean within local communities.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Ling Jeng, President



Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 2/13/23