

MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

February 24, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners was held via teleconference at 11:03 a.m. on the above-written date.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present:	President	Bích Ngọc Cao
	Vice-President	Kathryn Eidmann
	Commissioner	Arianne Edmonds
	Commissioner	Dale Franzen

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

2. **Opening Remarks:** Board President Cao shared a quote by Benjamin Franklin, “There never was a good war or a bad peace;” and Commissioner Franzen read a quote by David Balducci, “Why can’t people just sit, read books and be nice to each other.”
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular Meeting - December 9, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Edmonds and seconded by Commissioner Franzen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2021. The motion passed with 3 Ayes (Cao/Edmonds/Franzen). Noes: 0. Absent: 2 (Eidmann/Salinas).

4. **Public Comments on Matters**

Within the Board’s Jurisdiction: None.

(Vice President Eidmann joined in at 11:06)

5. **City Librarian’s Comments**

and Announcements: Assistant City Librarian Susan Broman reporting the following information on behalf of City Librarian John F. Szabo:

Honoring the Legacy of John Lewis: The library honored the legacy of the Civil Rights icon, Representative John Lewis, with a new art acquisition depicting John Lewis at the Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, D.C. The display in the Central Library’s Social Science, Philosophy & Religion Department along with other materials about the Civil Rights Movement was unveiled at an event that included City Librarian John Szabo and Board President Bich Ngoc Cao, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Council Members Current Price, Jr. (CD-9) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD-8), General Manager Capri Maddox,

City's Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, Netflix producer Meg DeLoatch and a representative from District 10. The painting was donated to the Library by Netflix after it appeared in their program *Family Matters*.

LA Made Celebrates African American History Month with numerous programs such as the LA Made program featuring local hero Misty Copeland, as she discusses her new book. This week, LA Made will feature an *Afro-Indigenous History of the United States* with author and historian Kyle T. Mays. The website features dozens of programs and some fascinating blog posts.

Staff Development Training: The Library hosted 176 LAUSD Teacher Librarians along with the Young Adult Librarians last week to reconnect and reflect on how to best support teens and tweens throughout the city of Los Angeles. This was the first joint professional development training along with LAUSD since 2019. Attendees had a presentation on social and emotional learning with guest speaker Sarah Young Shepard. Librarian and School Liaison Kathy Chenoweth and Head of Adult Services Candice Mack and Librarians Matisse Moser and Kadie Seitz organized this well-received training.

Story Hackers Renewed for Second Season: The *Story Hackers* TV series for KLCS, LAUSD's television station, has been renewed for a second season. The first season is available via the Library's YouTube channel, and has been a fantastic collaboration between the Public Relations Office and a team of children's librarians who use their unique skills and experience to inspire a love of reading and learning in LAUSD students K-5.

Board Meetings Management: Ms. Broman stated that two years ago we all had to quickly learn brand new things and one of them was how to manage virtual Board meetings. After some trial and error we worked out a system that relies on staff members behind the scenes. She thanked Raquel Borden, Commission Secretary; Kathy Lindeman from the Training Office for managing the Zoom meetings; and Esteban Felix, for managing the timer. Today is Esteban's last day as the timer of public comments. Cindy Cotton, Messenger Clerk from the Board Office will be taking over that assignment.

6. City Librarian's Reports:

Consent Item(s)

It was moved by Commissioner Franzen and seconded by Vice President Eidmann to approve Consent Item Exhibit A. The motion passed with 4 Ayes (Cao/Edmonds/Eidmann/Franzen). Noes: 0. Absent: 1 (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.

7. Oral Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Re-imagining Safety & Security

Vice President Eidmann reported that the Adhoc Committee on Reimagining Safety and Security met last week to discuss the progress of the budget, the status of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and the outreach efforts the Library is doing to ensure that it reaches the broadest and most diverse audience for it. She asked Assistant City Library Suan Broman to expand on this information.

Assistant City Librarian Susan Broman reported that the Library had a budget hearing with the CAO and Mayor's Budget Team last week. She said city officials have a very good understanding of the goals surrounding the creation of the Library Experience Office and the positions we are adding to support those goals, particularly the position of Community Service Representative. Next, the budget will go to the City Council Budget and Finance Committee.

Ms. Broman stated that the RFQ approved by the Board at the last meeting has been posted on the new system called RAMP and is on the Library's website. Information about this opportunity has been sent to over 160 agencies, non-profit organizations, community based organizations, mental health providers, etc., who may be interested in submitting for it. The Central Library's Business and Economics Department is working with the Business Office on a workshop on doing business with the city and the Library, which are projected to start in late March or early April.

Discussion

Vice President Eidmann asked Ms. Broman to provide an update on the social worker in regard to the exam. Ms. Broman stated that the Library has been working with the Personnel in revising the classification information and a Personnel Analyst has been assigned specifically for issuing the examination, which would be an interview to create a civil service list. That process involves taking a look at the competencies that are identified and matching them to questions that will be asked.

8. Commissioners' Comments and Announcements

Board President Cao announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., via Teleconference.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST:

Bích Ngọc Cao
President

Raquel M. Borden
Board Executive Assistant