



## City of Abilene

### Library Advisory Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Abilene Public Library Advisory Board of the City of Abilene to be held on November 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas, 2nd floor Council Chambers, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from August 29, 2022

#### AGENDA ITEMS

2. Library Director's report
  - a. Annual statistics
  - b. Kids Catalog
3. Receive a report from the review committee and make a recommendation to City Administration on reconsideration of library materials requests received by the board through September 30, 2022 (discussion and possible action).

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### *Notice*

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#### **CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd day of November, 2022, at 1:50 p.m.*

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Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City  
Secretary, TRMC



## ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2022

### Special Board Meeting

The Abilene Public Library Advisory Board met at the South Branch Library at the Mall of Abilene at 4:00 PM, Monday, August 29, 2022. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Clint Buck (Chair), Dorothy Davidson, Denise Moore, Tim de la Vega, Jason Hernandez  
Joe Specht

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Norman

Also Attending: Julee Hatton, Library Director; Trent Dietz, Assistant City Attorney; Linda Camacho,  
Library Administrative Assistant

Media present: Bryan Bethel, Abilene Reporter-News; Logan Price, KTAB News

Mr. Clint Buck called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Buck opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Advisory Board:

- Alex Pitts: Opposed to the removal of the book in question.
- Charles Byrn: In favor of the removal of the book in question.
- Eric Bengs: Questions on the creation of a special committee for the review of reconsideration of library materials.
- Jane Baring: Opposed to the removal of the book in question.
- Donna Dorsett: Opposed to the removal of the book in question.
- Joey Devora: Opposed to the special review committee.
- Ryan Goodwin: In favor of the removal of the book in question; has questions about the review committee.
- Elizabeth Powell: Opposed to the removal of the book in question; in favor of the review committee.
- James Sargent: In favor of the removal of the book in question.
- Patrick Batten: In favor of the removal of the book in question; opposed to the 3-person review committee.
- Rebecca Gingrich: In favor of the removal of the book in question..
- Carlos Quiñones: In favor of the removal of the book in question..
- Maria Noom: In favor of the removal of the book in question..
- Rosten Callerman: Challenges the board to sit down with the public to talk about the book in question.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

**Standing Review Committee:** The board wished to approve a standing 3-board member committee for the future review of the reconsideration of library materials requests. First motion by Jason Hernandez; second by Dorothy Davidson; all in favor, motion carries.

**Committee Recommendation for the Reconsideration Requests received for the book “Let’s Talk About It”:** The review committee, made up of Clint Buck, Denise Moore and Joe Specht, met in person with one of the petitioners (the second elected not to attend). Due to its recent circulation the review committee recommended relocating the book from the South Branch’s adult non-fiction collection to the Main Library’s adult non-fiction collection in the basement of that facility. First motion for approval by Joe Specht; second by Dorothy Davidson; all in favor, motion carries. The committee recommendation approved by the board will go to the City Manager for the final decision.

The Special Meeting adjourned: 4:54 pm

The next scheduled Advisory Board Meeting is November 7th, 2022, at 4:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers 2nd floor at 555 Walnut Street.

*Linda Camacho,*

Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant

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Clint Buck, Chair