

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MINUTES**

October 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held in person at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Optional virtual: WebEx

Join from the meeting link

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Meeting number (access code): 2491 446 5562

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Paula Vargas called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Those in attendance: Paula Vargas (chair), Patrick Waggoner and Shannon Day.

Staff members present: Midori Clark, Karen Erdman (recording secretary)

Guest: Ali Abbot - Library student from DU

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Patrick moved to approve the minutes from June 2, 2022 and the minutes from September 1, 2022. Paula seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patrick brought in the Oct. 6, 2022, *Sentinel* newspaper with the cover page *Blessed Sellers*, an article highlighting the Friends of the Aurora Public Library (FAPL) Book Outlet. FAPL is Aurora Public Libraries' biggest donor and their cumulative donations just surpassed \$1 million.

**IV. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

Ali Abbott – a library graduate student from DU introduced herself.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Ward Meetings

B. An email vote was taken to remove Shameka Alford as a Library Board member.

Follow-up – Karen will inform the City Clerk's office.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hannah Poertner – Consideration to Appoint

Joshua interviewed Hannah on Sept. 26. She is working as a data analyst. Moved to Aurora last year. Patrick moved to consider Hannah for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees.

Follow-up: Karen will send out the prepared questions for the interview prior to the scheduled interview.

Follow-up: Karen will write up the Memo of Consideration to Appoint and submit it to the City Clerk's office.

**VII. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

A. Messages to Council (monthly library blurb; bullet points about what is going on in the library system)

1. November – Paula

2. December – Shannon

3. January - Patrick

Follow-up – Paula will send out the Council template to board members and staff.

- B. Update from the Chair – Paula spoke on attending the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) where Midori and her team were awarded the Project of the Year for the Aurora Scholars program which was brought inside the Library for the first time.
- C. Miscellaneous –Aurora Public Library’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage month started on Oct. 6 with an evening of two art exhibits; *Calacas Art Exchange Project* produced in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens and *Pride on Your Side* a photography exhibit by documentary artist Juan Fuentes in partnership with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA).

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

- A. General Update – Aurora Public Libraries and Central especially, have seen an increase in use (checkouts). Checkouts are nearly at pre-COVID numbers; up 11% overall checkouts from last year. Central is up nearly 56%, MLK is up 6%, Mission Viejo is up 18% and Hoffman is up 30%. Electronic circulation is up 20%. Library visits are not at pre-COVID numbers, but people are accessing materials and services.  
Follow-up: Karen will print out statistics and comment cards for Library Board meetings beginning with the December 2022 meeting.
- B. Programming Update – Staff voted on a theme for 2023 and selected *Reimagine Aurora Public Library*. There will be many events and a logo to go along with the theme. The Grand Opening of the Chambers Plaza Library will be in January 2023 and the Grand Opening of the Bookmobile will be in February. The Library will be producing a limited edition 2023 library card and going fine-free in January. Two branches will be expanding hours; Central Library and Tallyn’s Reach (Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

**IX. UPCOMING WARD MEETINGS**

[Town Meetings - City of Aurora \(auroragov.org\)](https://www.auroragov.org/town-meetings)

- Ward I (Crystal Murillo) – Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Moorhead Recreation Center, 2390 Havana St. (No meetings in November and December) **(Paula-October)**
- Ward II (Steve Sundberg) – No meetings in October, November or December) 6:30 – 8 p.m. **(Shannon-January)**
- Ward III (Ruben Medina) - Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle (No meetings in November and December) **(Paula)**
- Ward IV (Juan Marciano) - Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Colorado Early Colleges, 1400 S. Abilene St. **(Patrick)**
- Ward V (Alison Coombs) – Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Heather Gardens Clubhouse, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms **(Patrick-November)**
- Ward VI (Françoise Bergan) – No meeting in October and December **(Shannon)**

**X. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Collection of volunteer hours. Please send any hours you have volunteered for the board to Karen. Meetings, interviews, etc. all count for volunteer hours.

**XI. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next Library Board Meeting will take place in person at Aurora Central Library on November 3, 2022 at 6 p.m with a virtual option. Please see: [https://www.auroragov.org/city\\_hall/boards\\_commissions/library\\_board](https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/library_board) for details.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting and Patrick seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.