



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

Library Board

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:00 PM

1008 W. Pfluger Street, Pflugerville, TX

Regular Meeting

Library Board Members:

Dawn Janacek

Nick Crissy

Bridget Boswell-Muntz

George Sylvie

Carl Moore Jr.

Emily Miller

Rachel Heath

Jillian Arzipe - Alternate

Landon Self, Hendrickson - Student Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chair Janacek called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dawn Janacek (Chair), Nick Crissy (Vice Chair), Bridget Boswell-Muntz (Secretary), George Sylvie, Carl Moore, Jr., Rachel Heath, Emily Miller and Jillian Arizpe (Alternate).

Staff: Jennifer Griswold – Library Director, Daniel Berra – Asst. Library Director, Amanda Cawthon – Senior Librarian, Bette McDowell – Senior Librarian, Chermaine Burleson – Senior Librarian

City: Trey Fletcher – Deputy City Manager

Public Guest – Engin Yigit

2. Citizen Communication

None.

The Library Board welcomes public comment on items relevant to the Pflugerville Public

Library. Public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published agenda will only

be heard by the Library Board. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3A. [2021-1088](#) Discuss and consider action to approve the Library Board regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2021.

Minutes approved as submitted.

4. Discuss Only

- 4A. [2021-1085](#) Library Director Report.
Jennifer Griswold, Library Director

Director Griswold reported that our circulation numbers and library visits continue to rise, including many teens using the library after school. Usage of electronic resources continues at a high level as many of our guests have explored these options during the pandemic. We have an ongoing partnership with Austin Public Health to provide a Covid vaccination clinic each Wednesday at the library. Info has been sent to those Board members who need to reapply for their positions.

- 4B. [2021-1086](#) Report on the Friends of the Library activities.
Jennifer Griswold, Library Director

Director Griswold reported the Friends continue their themed book sale near the front of the library. They continue to support library programs, including recently working with staff on a Greater Austin Reading Coalition grant.

- 4C. [2021-1087](#) Teen Liaison reports.
Landon Self, Hendrickson High School

None in attendance.

- 4D. [2021-1090](#) Survey update
Jennifer Griswold, Library Director

The board's latest survey recently ended. Director Griswold will provide the results at next meeting.

5. Discuss and Consider Action

- 5A. [2021-1089](#) Annual Policy Review Section 5
Jennifer Griswold, Library Director

Director Griswold went over the harassment section of the policies. She explained that staff has reviewed the document for the usage of inclusive language. Board Member Sylvie suggested a change on page 21, the first bullet point, to say "objection regarding" or "objection with". He also asked about the process of updating documents on the city website. Director Griswold

responded that it is a continual process.

5B. [2021-1091](#)

Appoint 5-year plan committee
Jennifer Griswold, Library Director

Vice Chair Crissy moved to continue with the officers of the board as the committee for the 5-year Plan. Board Member Heath seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5C. [2021-1092](#)

Statement of Concern About Library Resources
Dawn Janacek, Library Board Chair

Library Guest Engin Yigit addressed the board regarding an item he requested be considered for removal from the collection. He submitted the challenged materials form and accepted the invitation to speak before the library board. The challenged item is a documentary on DVD called "Killing Ed: Charter Schools, Corruption, and the Gulen Movement in America." Engin Yigit explained that from his perspective the film is biased, relies on questionable sources of information and is propaganda against the Gulen Movement and charter schools. He urged Director Griswold and the Library Board to consider removing this item from the collection.

Director Griswold responded with her perspective. She did watch the documentary in question. She explained that we try to provide balance within the collection to specific issues. She agreed that the documentary has a perspective, but this is typical of many items in the collection. She pointed to the American Library Association and their Right to Read Statement and opposition to the censorship of library materials.

Vice Chair Crissy asked if we weed DVDs from the collection. Director Griswold responded that we do. This particular DVD was added to the collection during this summer. Chair Janacek suggested to the guest that the issue is with the film maker, not the library for making the item available. Board Member Heath added that the library makes items available without judgement, and let people make up their own minds. Vice Chair Crissy offered that he has a hard time with the idea of removing items from the collection and believes it should be kept in the collection.

Director Griswold expressed her decision to leave the item in the collection. She offered Library Guest Engin Yigit the opportunity to offer some suggestions of other items to add to the collection from a different viewpoint and we will consider adding them. Director Griswold and the Library Board thanked the guest for attending the meeting and speaking about his concern.

6. Adjourn

Chair Janacek adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Coffey Griswold, Library Director

Approved as submitted on November 10, 2021

