

Bastrop Public Library Board Minutes
Bastrop Public Library Pressley Meeting Room
1100 Church Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
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January 06, 2025

Minutes - Public Library Board at 6:00 p.m.

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Library Board Members Present

Chair Rebecca Bennett
Vice Chair Meagan Webb
Secretary Sally Keinarth
Board Member Lisa Gossett
Board Member Jennifer Leisure

Guests, Liaisons, and Staff Present

Library Director Bonnie Pierson
City Council Liaison Cheryl Lee
Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison
Pete Parsons

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to City Manager for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board/Commission to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty

and/or integrity of the Board/Commission, as a body, or any member or members of the Board/Commission individually or collectively, or members of the City's staff. Accordingly, profane, insulting or threatening language directed toward the Board/Commission and/or any person in the Board/Commission's presence will not be tolerated.

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

- 3A. Consider action to approve Bastrop Public Library minutes from December 2, 2024, regular meeting.

Megan Webb motioned to approve amended minutes, Jennifer Leisure seconded, and the minutes were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4A. The library will be closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Day.
- 4B. From Saturday, February 1st through Saturday, April 5th, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be at the library in the Pressley Meeting room every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to assist community members with tax preparation and electronic filing.
- 4C. Announcements from the Library Director.

Director Bonnie Pierson highlighted the upcoming program presented by The Friends of the Bastrop Public Library and The Bastrop African American Cultural Center & Freedom Colonies Museum. Local author Dr. Clementine Msengi will discuss her book, *Spared*, on January 18.

- 4D. Announcements from individual board members.
- 4E. Announcements from Planning & Zoning liaison.

See item 8C.

5. REPORTS

- 5A. Director's report.

Director Bonnie Pierson added to her written report by saying that the newly added faxing service has been well received by patrons. There is no fee.

- 5B. Statistics report.
- 5C. Financial report.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. WORKSHOP

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A. Discuss and consider possible approval on the Fiscal Year 2025 Library Board workplan.

Megan Webb motioned to approve the written workplan submitted by Chair Becky Bennett. Lisa Gosset seconded motion, and the workplan was approved.

8B. Discussion and possible action on Bastrop Public Library's Public Information Policy.

The new Public Information Policy's purpose is creating a unified approach to how public, legal, and library information is shared with the public by the Library staff. Megan Webb motioned to approve the new Public Information Policy, Jennifer Leisure seconded the motion, and the Policy draft was approved by the Board.

8C. Individual requests from Library Board members for items to be listed on future agendas.

While there was no request for immediate agenda items related to planning for growth of Library services, there was a general discussion. Council Liaison Cheryl Lee and Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison Pete Parsons committed to presenting Library interests to the City in the planning process. Director Bonnie Pierson will continue to compile data helpful to planning efforts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Keinarth, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, Chair