



**CITY OF HUTCHINS
ATWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Hutchins Community Center, 500 W. Hickman St.**

Pursuant to Section 551 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Atwell Public Library Board to be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hutchins Community Center located at 500 W. Hickman St, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items will be discussed and considered.

Board Members

President, Cristian Martinez
Vice President, Angela Robertson
Secretary, Brenda Campbell
Board Member, Yvette Lewis
Board Member, Jessica Sanchez
Board Member, Vacant

A. CALL TO ORDER : President Cristian Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call : President Cristian Martinez, Vice President Angela Robertson, Secretary Breanda Campbell, Board Member Yvette Lewis, and Board Member Jessica Sanchez, all present.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS: *This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Board on any matter that is not posted on the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Board should complete a Citizen Comments Form and submit it to the recording secretary prior to the start of the Board meeting. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each citizen to speak. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time.*

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Overview of library grants and programs.

Olivia Daniels, Librarian gave a presentation on the grants awarded to the library including the A.R.T. Resources program – A.R.T Library Program for free contemporary art books, Space Science Institute’s solar eclipse glasses, ALA Thinking Money for Kids program, and Atmos Energy sponsorship. Ms. Daniels also reviewed current programs and services including ReadSquared reading challenges- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - *All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Board. Each Board member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.*

2. Consider approval of the October 17, 2023 Atwell Public Library Advisory Board Meeting.

President Martinez made the motion seconded by Vice President Robertson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

E. REGULAR AGENDA - *As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.*

3. Discuss and consider recommendations for a new recreation center and library building.

Board members discussed and considered improvements to a future library building based on the current library building. Some suggestions included, study and meeting rooms, a computer lab, distinct sections with unique furniture, signage, and décor, comfortable reading areas, as well as a game room, exhibit area, baby/toddler section, and more specialized volunteers or employees.

4. Discuss and consider library board soliciting or providing sponsorship for the Top Readers prizes for the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge.

Board members discussed and considered different ideas to improve or change the Top Readers prizes for the Summer Reading Challenge. President Martinez voted to remove a separate prize of monetary value for the Top Readers, but only to give recognition publicly. All in favor, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

5. Discuss and consider patron survey on library services and hours.

This agenda item was tabled from library board meeting October 17, 2023, and the board discussed and considered issuing a new patron survey on library services and hours. President Martinez voted to issue a new survey after an increase in city population. All in favor, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

F. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

President Cristian Martinez announce the items of community interest.

G. ADJOURNMENT

President Cristian Martinez made the motion seconded by Vice President Angela Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. All in favor, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ATWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024.

APPROVED:

Cristian Martinez
President

ATTEST:

Brenda Campbell
Secretary