

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF
THE EDUCATION & LIBRARY COMMISSIONS
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC SAFETY CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Villanueva.

ROLL CALL

EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Kiana Hernandez, Vice-Chairperson Angelica Nuñez; Commissioners Maria Arteaga and Smyrna Caraveo
ABSENT: Commissioner Jason Stinnett

LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Deborah Villanueva; Vice Chair Olga Ureña, Commissioners Connie Arteaga and Antonia Lupercio
ABSENT: Commissioner Alejandro Mendoza

STAFF PRESENT: Library Director Sonia Bautista, Senior Library Assistant Sandra Peña, and Librarian Erik Jackiw

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Chairperson Deborah Villanueva motioned to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Maria Arteaga seconded the approval of the minutes of the regularly scheduled Joint Commissions meeting of June 10, 2024. The motion passed with the following vote:

- AYES: C. Arteaga, Caraveo, Hernandez, Lupercio, Nuñez, and Ureña
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT: Mendoza and Stinnett

2024 COLLEGE FAIR UPDATES Librarian Erik Jackiw provided Commissioners with an update on the approaching college fair:

- As of now, WINTER (Women in Non-Traditional Employment Rolls) has registered to participate in the fair, which is one of the trade schools being invited.
- We have also received confirmation of participation from Whittier College, Cerritos College, East LA College, and Friends of Montebello Unified School District Foundation.
- Rio Hondo College confirmed that they will not be participating.
- The fair will run from 10 AM-1:30 PM and will provide two different workshops during two different timeslots.
- Student panels will also be presenting, which may include prior Commerce Scholarship recipients.
- The different organizations participating will be in the Senior Center.

Director Sonia Bautista asked if any of the Commissioners know college representatives, and Commissioner C. Arteaga stated she might know someone that can provide the financial workshop and will update the Library accordingly.

**LIBRARY PATIO
RIBBON-CUTTING
CEREMONY**

Director Sonia Bautista informed Commissioners that on Tuesday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m., the Library will host a ceremony for the newly completed patio as well as the newly renovated garden area. She expressed her excitement for the newly added square footage that will allow for additional library programs. Books donated by Public Works department will be distributed to the community; and invited Commissioners to attend.

**LIBRARY TREE
DEDICATION**

Director Sonia Bautista informed Commissioners that tree-shaped bookshelves were donated to the library by former Library Director Beatriz Sarmiento, in memory of Children's Librarian Sigrid Hudson. The bookshelves will have a plaque honoring Sigrid, and will house books on topics that she enjoyed such as cats, puppets, etc. On July 31 the tree will be presented to the community during the end of the Summer Reading Program. Sonia invited all to attend.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Director Sonia Bautista provided a save the date notification to all Commissioners for the Scholarship Awards Breakfast taking place on August 3 at 10:00 a.m. A total of \$60,000 will be distributed amongst 39 Commerce recipients. She informed them an invitation will be sent to all soon, and asked them to RSVP by July 29.

Sonia provided Commissioners with a list of 54 programs and/or activities that have been provided or will be provided to patrons during the month of July.

Sonia also informed Commissioners of the following programs and provided the flyers:

- Adult Summer Appy Hour (learn about Library apps)
- Hecho a Mano
- Super Science Super Show
- The Little Explorers
- Fall Into Volunteering

Sonia further informed Commissioners that construction of the Bandini Library Learning Center has begun. She also informed that Bristow Park and Library will be remodeled next. Planning meetings have begun, and Sonia will be attending to make sure the needs of the Library are considered.

EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON
KIANA
HERNANDEZ

Chairperson Kiana Hernandez:

- Expressed her excitement for all the upcoming programming.
- Thanked Library staff for all their efforts in providing the programming to the community.
- Asked if Sonia will be providing updates on Bandini's construction progress; and Sonia advised that there is a link online in which updates and/or pictures will be provided.

VICE CHAIR
ANGELICA NUÑEZ

Vice Chair Nuñez:

- Thanked Library staff for all their efforts in providing the programming to the community.

COMMISSIONER
MARIA ARTEAGA

None

COMMISSIONER
SMYRNA
CARAVEO

Commissioner Caraveo:

- Thanked Library staff for all their efforts in providing the programming to the community.
- Expressed that she likes the idea of honoring Sigrid's memory.

COMMISSIONER
JASON STINNETT

Absent

LIBRARY COMMISSION REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON
DEBORAH
VILLANUEVA

Chairperson Villanueva:

- Expressed her excitement to see that Bandini Learning Center's construction is underway.

VICE CHAIR
OLGA UREÑA

None

COMMISSIONER
CONNIE ARTEAGA

Commissioner Arteaga:

- Stated that she could not find the flyers with the times for the summer lunch program activities, and Sonia informed her that she will provide her the times after the meeting.

COMMISSIONER
ANTONIA
LUPERCIO

None

COMMISSIONER
ALEJANDRO
MENDOZA

Absent

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Next joint meeting will be on August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.