



# El Paso Public Libraries

**MAYOR**

Renard U. Johnson

**Special Youth Advisory Board Minutes**

**May 21, 2026 at 5:30pm**

**Thorman Conference Room, 801 Texas Ave. – Basement**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**District 1**

Alejandra Chávez

**District 2**

Dr. Josh Acevedo

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Deanna M. Rocha

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**CITY MANAGER**

Dionne Mack

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:42pm

The following members answered Roll Call: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez.

The following members were absent: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller.

Public Comment: None

**1. Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Meeting**

*Ana Talavera motioned to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2026 meeting; Leon Lerma seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.*

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

**2. Presentation by Legal on YAB Duties**

Mona Heydarian, Assistant City Attorney with the Legal Department, provided a presentation reviewing the board's duties, enabling resolution, amendments and uniform bylaws.

**3. Presentation, Discussion and Action on Inaugural Youth Summit**

*Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, requested a motion to take the agenda out of order. Leon Lerma motioned to take item 3 ahead of item 2; Ana Talavera seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.*

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

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Ben Fyffe provided a presentation on the planned Youth Summit, briefly reviewing the proposed venue, participation, Summit components and next steps. He closed his presentation by requesting a motion to authorize staff to begin working on the date, venue, ½ day format and budget.

*Leon Lerma so moved; Aliana Acuña seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.*

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

#### 4. Discussion and Action on Workforce Solutions Borderplex Focus Group

Norma Martinez addressed board members, noting that Janell Valles with Workforce Solutions Borderplex was unable to attend this meeting and requested a motion to postpone the item indefinitely.

*Ana Talavera motioned to postpone the item indefinitely; Rebekah Holguin seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.*

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

#### 5. Child-Friendly City Update

No update.

#### 6. Discussion and Action on the next YAB Meeting Date and Time

Chair requested discussion on the next YAB meeting date and time.

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*Ana Talavera motioned to approve the next YAB meeting for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 530pm; Adlai Yañez seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.*

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### District 1

Alejandra Chávez

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

### District 2

Dr. Josh Acevedo

ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

### District 3

Deanna M. Rocha

## ADJOURN

*Motion to adjourn made by Leon Lerma; seconded by Rebekah Holguin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12pm.*

### District 4

Cynthia Boyar Trejo

AYES: Aliana Acuña, Madyson Cerda, David Dorsey, Rebekah Holguin, Leon Lerma, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

### District 5

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ABSENT: Arianna Jaime and Madison Miller

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT BY:

Norma P. Martinez, Director of Library Services

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