

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 7, 2025

10:15 AM

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Library Board

Roll Call

Present - Chair Donna Dennis, Board Member Kelly Malizia, Board Member Loretta Mitchell, and Board Member Rosemarie Kibitlewski

Absent Board Member Kelly McLeay, Board Member Tanya Landry, and Board Member Helen Amburgey

Also Present - Jennifer L. Obermaier – Library Director, Danielle DeBois –City Clerk Specialist

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Library Board meeting.

Board Member Malizia moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Library Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Andrea Mendez expressed concerns regarding the reduced budget and operating hours.

The board encouraged her to speak to Council.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Discuss Library Proposed Budget 25/26

Library Director Jen Obermaier said the City Council special budget meeting was yesterday. Ms. Obermaier said there is a reduction of 7.5 full-time equivalent employees, resulting in reduced library hours.

4.2 Board Duties

Ms. Obermaier reviewed the duties of the board and the sunshine law.

5. Director's Report

Ms. Obermaier said the library hours have officially been changed and she does not have an update on future hotel construction and affected parking. Updates were given on the summer reading program

completion, the pet supply program, and back to school assistance programs.

6. Board Members to be Heard

Board Chair Donna Dennis said the consolidation of the Library Board into a new board with the Environmental Advisory Board, and Parks and Recreation Board was discussed yesterday morning. The board discussed the composition of the new board and potential timeline for implementation.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attest:

Chair – Library Board

City Clerk Specialist