

**Escondido Public Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 2:00 p.m.  
Library Turrentine Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Guiles called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Trustees Ron Guiles, Mirek Gorny, Elmer Cameron, and Mayra Salazar.

**Members Absent:** Trustee Gary Knight

**Staff Present:** Cynthia Smith, Interim Director of Library and Community Services; Joanna Axelrod, Principal Librarian; and Misty Breymeyer, Division Coordinator;

**Written/Oral Communications:** None.

**Current Business**

**Agenda Item #1: Review and finalize a letter to the City Council opposing the privatization of the Escondido Public Library**

Director Smith read the staff report and gave the floor to President Guiles who gave background on how the letter was crafted and the purpose behind various statements. He proceeded to read the draft to the group asking the Board members to provide feedback and concerns along the way.

Trustees agreed to keep the highlighted section regarding the Library staff proposal to add Sunday hours.

Trustees discussed how to make the letter available to the public, and requested that Library staff ask the City Manager to place it on the City's website.

President Guiles stated he would read the letter to the City Council at the August 23, 2017 meeting and asked for Director Smith to coordinate requesting extra time for to read the full letter.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Trustee Gorny, seconded by Trustee Salazar, to approve the letter with discussed changes to the City Council opposing the privatization of the Escondido Public Library, and to have President Guiles read the letter at the August 23, 2017

City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Division Coordinator Breymeyer will create a final copy of the letter for signatures from present members and send copies to the Trustees and City Manager's Office for the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council Members.

Director Smith will write to Trustee Knight to inform him of the approved letter and make arrangements to secure his signature. She will also email the City Manager the final digital version requesting that it be shared with City Council Members, that the letter be placed on the City's website for public viewing, and that President Guiles receive extra time to read the letter in its entirety at the City Council meeting.

Trustee Guiles will read the letter to the City Council at their August 23, 2017 meeting.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

None at this time.

**Next Meetings:**

Monthly Trustee Meeting - September 12, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Trustee Cameron, seconded by Trustee Gorny, to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



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Ron Guiles, President, Library Board of Trustees/M. Breymeyer, Division Coordinator