



**City of Rio Communities Library Board Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Wednesday, July 05, 2023 5:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**Call to Order**

- Chairman Caldwell called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- Vice Chairwoman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

- PRESENT: Chairman Bobby Caldwell, Vice Chairwoman Merita Wilson Secretary Lisa Tabet-Chavez Board Member Rita White, Board Member Deborah Benavidez, Board Member Lisa LaManna.
  - Present: Assistant to the City Manager Amy Lopez, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to approve the agenda, Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Wilson. With a unanimous vote the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes for Regular Library Board meeting 05/03/2023**

- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Board Member White.  
With a unanimous vote the minutes for Regular Library Board meeting 05/03/2023 were approved as written.

**Discussion – Summer reading program**

- Chairman Caldwell talked about the summer reading program and began a discussion.
- Mrs. Lopez explained that she had heard some good stuff, and everyone is having fun and continued the discussion.
- Vice Chairwoman talked about the prizes and how they were going to be presented.
- The board discussed the last day of the summer reading program activities they have planned and ideas for next year.
- Chairman Caldwell thanked everyone for all they did for the reading program.

**Discussion – Library Budget - Librarian/Community Programs Coordinator**

- Chairman Caldwell talked about tabling the budget due to no one available to talk to talk to us about it.
- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to table the budget. Seconded by Board Member White.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Caldwell, Vice Chairwoman Wilson, Board Member White, Board Member Benavidez, Board Member LaManna. With a 5-0 vote the budget was tabled.

**Public Comment:**

- No comments.

**General Board Discussion/Future Agenda Items**

- Chairman Caldwell talked about having the elections at the next meeting and began a discussion.
- Mrs. Lopes talked about the MOU with the Amigos and explained that the Attorney is ok with everything, he just wants to put a liability to form in place for the Amigos to have a locked file cabinet in the library.
- Vice Chairwoman Wilson asked when the Audit was and explained that that we need to get this done to become a state funded library. The discussion continued.
- Chairman Caldwell asked Mr. Colson from the amigos for an update at the next meeting about where they are and the progress they have made.
- Mrs. Lopez talked about having two volunteers for the 10th anniversary committee for the city’s 10 year.
- Mrs. Lopez talked about fall activity ideas for the Library.
- Member LaManna said I like the adult book club idea.
- Chairman Caldwell agreed and said I like the idea of involving adults.
- Vice Chairwoman Wilson gave some resources of books available and began a discussion about a story hour program for younger children.

**Adjourn**

- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Wilson. With a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk  
(Taken and transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Approved:

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Bobby Caldwell, Chairman

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Merita Wilson, Vice Chairwoman

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Lisa Tabet-Chavez, Secretary

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Debra Benavidez, Board Member

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Lisa LaManna, Board Member

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Rita White, Board Member