

Virtual Special ALA Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 29, 2025

ALA President Cindy Hohl called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm CT

APPROVED by Consent:

- Rules & Guidelines for ALA Virtual Council Meetings, ALA CD #5.1
- Agenda, ALA CD #8.3

Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD# 19.1

Eldon Ray James, Chair, provided the following updates:

- Committee members and liaison have been reviewing the *Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights* in preparation for the 11th edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*
- Working groups were formed to review each interpretation, with all drafts reviewed and approved by committee
- Approved drafts have been provided to all Division, Round Tables, and Committees for feedback

Chair James moved to approve appendices 1-14, as outlined in CD #19.1

Councilor Erika Long moved to amend Appendix 13 to read: “School librarians work with **(school) stakeholders** ~~others~~ to choose materials that meet the needs and maturity levels of the students.”
CD #19.1 amendment

Councilor Johannah Genett moved to pull appendix 13 from vote for consideration at Annual 2025, CD #19.1 motion to postpone.

President Hohl called for objections to the motion. There were none.

APPROVED by Consent to pull appendix 13 from vote for consideration at Annual 2025, CD #19.1 motion to postpone

President Hohl called for discussion of motion to approve appendices 1-12 & 14, as outlined in CD #19.1, as amended.

Councilor Leah Richardson moved to pull appendix 7 from vote for consideration at Annual 2025, CD #19.1 motion to postpone 2.

President Hohl called for objections to the motion. Councilor Erin Jones objected.

President Hohl called for a vote on CD #19.1 motion to postpone 2.

Results:

- 69 yes
- 34 no
- 5 abstain

APPROVED to pull appendix 7 from vote for consideration at Annual 2025; CD #19.1 motion to postpone 2.

President Hohl called for discussion of motion to approve appendices 1-6, 8-12, & 14, as outlined in CD #19 (*Appendices 7 & 13 to be considered at Annual Conference 2025*), CD #19 as amended.

President Hohl called for a vote on CD #19 as amended.

Results:

- 104 yes
- 0 no
- 2 abstain

APPROVED appendices 1-6, 8-12, & 14, as outlined in CD #19 (*Appendices 7 & 13 to be considered at Annual Conference 2025*), and CD #19 as amended.

President Hohl adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm CT.