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MEETING MINUTES

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

**Roll Call**

- PRESENT:** Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Deniz Westphal, Patricia Mendoza, Gerard Roney, Marvin McCrary, Kristen Brown and Janice Allen
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Jose L. Abastida, Patricia Gardner, Westley Baker and Melanie Sellar
- STAFF:** City Librarian Jill Bourne, Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi, Deputy Director Ann Grabowski; Division Managers Michelle Amores and Vidya Kilambi; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Sr. Librarian Paul Wilson and Binh Tran (*interim*); Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter
- OTHERS:** City of San José Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin;

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:03 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present, and 4 Commissioners absent.

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approve the April 16, 2025, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the April 16, 2025, agenda, as well as the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes.

**III. Public Record:** There was no correspondence for the Commissioners to review.

**IV. Open Forum:** No individuals addressed the Commission.

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

A. **INFORMATION:** Branch Spotlight: Evergreen (B. Tran)

The Commission received a report on the Evergreen Library Branch. Discussion followed.

- B. INFORMATION: San José Public Library Foundation Update (D. Coppin/A. Ramos)  
The Commission received a verbal update on the San José Public Library Foundation. Discussion followed.
- C. INFORMATION: Summer Programming/Learning Update (V. Kilambi/P. Wilson)  
The Commission received a report on the Library's summer learning programs. Discussion followed.
- D. INFORMATION: Library Budget (F. Cabana)  
The Commission received an update on the Library and City Budget. Discussion followed.

**VI. Council Liaison's Announcements**

Councilmember Kamei shared that the budget study sessions will be taking place from May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Kamei thanked Evergreen staff for hosting U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the initial Public Hearing for the budget. June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor's June Budget Message will come out. City Council will consider and in June, sometime, we will have a budget. Councilmember Kamei attended a schools and City collaborative meeting with Santa Clara County Superintendents.

**VII. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Magaña shared the importance of the Commissions advocacy work. Also reminded commissioners to reach out to Councilmembers in regard to the budget.

**VIII. Library Director's Announcements**

San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that National Volunteer Week is next week April 20 - April 26, 2025. To learn more about the library's volunteers, visit [www.sjpl.org/volunteers](http://www.sjpl.org/volunteers). On March 28, 2025, the San José Public Library, proudly announced the unveiling of Tech Hubs Powered by SJ Access. To learn more about Tech Hubs, visit [www.sjpl.org/SJAccess](http://www.sjpl.org/SJAccess). Last Tuesday April 8, City Council presented a proclamation for National Library Week and Library Workers Day. San José Public Library launches the San Jose Educator of the Year Award. For more information, visit [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org). On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM at the King Library, Children's Room, Grammy-winning duo 123 Andes will be performing an interactive musical performance for families with young children. Also, on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at the King Library, Children's Room, join us for stories, music, paletas (popsicles) with Lucky Diaz, author of the book *Paletero Man!* This event was made possible in part by the San Jose Public Library Foundation. For more information about these events, visit [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org). Jill also gave an status update on the federal grants to State Library, which are distributed to local libraries.

**IX. Comments and Announcements:**

- A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:  
No Commissioners provided any comments or attended any events.

B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board:

Vice Chair Ramos shared that the Foundation will be meeting with the Advocacy Committee next week. Vice Chair Ramos also thanked the Budget Sub-Committee. Library Giving Day started on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The next San José Public Library Foundation Board meeting will be Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation**

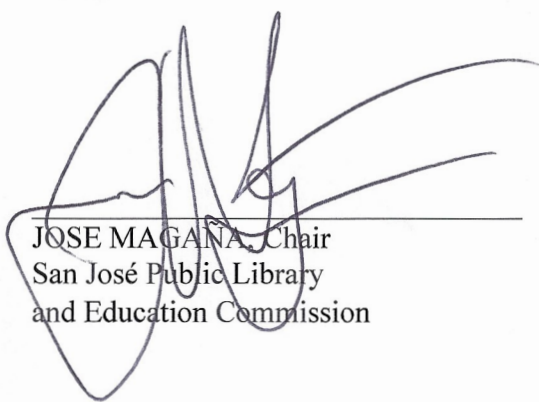
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

**XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas:** None suggested.

**XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.**

**XIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.



JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair  
San José Public Library  
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER