
MEETING MINUTES

August 20th, 2025

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Angelica Ramos, Vice Chair Coco-Nicole Banks, Commissioners, Daphna Woolfe, Jose L. Abastida, Gini Bossenbroek, Gerard Roney, Charea Bustamante and Westley Baker

ABSENT: Commissioner Deniz Westphal, Ramnik Saandal, Patricia Mendoza, Marvin McCrary and Kristen Brown

STAFF: City Librarian Jill Bourne; Deputy Director of Operations Jenny Choi
Division Managers Jean Herriges, Michelle Amores and Abby Shull;
Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Sr. Librarian Trina Richbourg; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter

OTHERS: City of San José District 1 Councilmember Rosemary Kamei; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin;

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:01 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present, and 5 Commissioners absent.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the August 20, 2025, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Abastida, seconded by Commissioner Roney, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the August 20, 2025, agenda, as well as the June 18, 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: Joyce Ellington (T. Richbourg)
The Commission received a report on the Joyce Ellington Library Branch.
Discussion followed.

- B. **INFORMATION: Public Services Overview** (A. Shull/J. Herriges/M. Amores)
The Commission received a presentation on the status of the Library's Department's Public Services operations. Discussion followed.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements

Councilmember Kamei shared she was happy to see Library staff at the Viva Parks event held last week. At the August 26th City Council meeting, there is a consent item for the purchase orders for E-books, E-audiobooks and related Services, ensuring our community has equitable access to a wide range of digital materials.

that the budget study sessions will be taking place from May 7th – May 15th. Councilmember Kamei thanked Evergreen staff for hosting U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta. May 13th is the initial Public Hearing for the budget. June 10th, 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

No comments were shared by Chair Ramos.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that the San José Public Library and the San José Earthquakes introduced the very first SJ Earthquakes library card during a match on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at PayPal Park. The card was made available to the public at all San José Public Library locations on Monday, August 11, 2025. You can learn more about the library card and partnership at sjpl.org/Earthquakes. On Saturday, August 9, Career Online High School held its 12th graduation at the City Hall Rotunda. Learn more at sjpl.org/cohs. Over 11,500 residents joined San José Public Library's Summer Learning Program from June 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, a 10% increase from last year. The Graphic Novel Making Contest ran from June 1 to July 31, with 272 entries submitted. SJPL staff and volunteers judged the submissions, and winners will be announced live at the GNMC Awards Ceremony on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the City Hall Rotunda and Council Chambers. For more information, visit: sjpl.org/GraphicNovelContest. You're invited to the 2025 YWCA Inspire Book Discussion Panel on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. The event explores healing, justice, and activism through Amanda Nguyen's memoir, *Saving Five*. Find more details at: sjpl.org/Events. Join San José Public Library for a special story time with City Manager Jennifer Maguire on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Children's Room. Find more information at: sjpl.org.

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. *Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:*
Commissioner Abastida shared that he attended: The Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library Branch's 20th Anniversary. He also participated in a park clean-up with Parks,

Recreation and Neighborhood Services. Commissioner Abastida attended the Mayfair bridge lighting ceremony, along with Councilmember Peter Ortiz. Lastly, he attended the card launch with the SJ Earthquakes, at Pay Pal Park. Commissioner Roney shared that formation of the Valley View Reed Neighborhood Association. He also attended a National Night Out event, out on by the newly formed association.

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

Vice Chair Ramos shared that Saturday, September 6, 2025, will be the Kristi Yamaguchi Family Literacy Night at the Children's Discovery Museum. San José Public Library Foundation staff attended the card launch with the SJ Earthquakes. The Career Online High School took place Saturday, August 9, 2025. The Library Foundation Board and staff will be participating in this year's Pride Parade with the San José Public Library August 31st. On Saturday, November 15, 2025, the San Jose Public Library Foundation will be having its second annual signature author fundraising event, with author Vicki Nguyen.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

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

XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: Carnegie Grant

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **September 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 3rd Floor.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

ANGELICA RAMOS, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

CASSIE HUNTER