



## City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Aanya Mishra  
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez  
District 5 – Andrew Lieu  
District 7 – Peter Vu  
District 9 – Agam Singh  
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar – District 2  
Genesis Arroyo – District 4  
Amiya Bansal – District 6  
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muñiz – District 8  
Nolan Mascarenhas – District 10

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2025

6:30 -8:30 PM

**In-Person Location:** San Jose City Hall, Council Chambers  
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

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

##### **A. Call to Order**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Pradeepkumar, Mishra, Lieu, Bansal, Vu, Singh, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Mascarenhas, and Kucharewski.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Arroyo and Sanchez.

**STAFF:** Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Senior Librarian Lizzie Nolan; Senior Librarian Paul Wilson; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

**OTHERS:** Community Relations Coordinator Anthony Montes

The meeting was called to order at **6:31 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present. (not present, Commissioners Mishra, Sanchez, and Arroyo were not present)

#### **II. Consent Calendar**

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz the Commission voted approve the consent calendar.

#### **III. Public Record:** There was no public record for the Commission to review.

#### **IV. Open Forum:** There was 1 public comment to the Commission.

Megan Maloy provided public comment.

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. INFORMATIONAL: [San José Public Library Summer Learning Program](#) (P. Wilson)**

Senior Librarian, Paul Wilson, provided an overview of the San José Public Library Summer Learning Program.

Summer Learning Programs have 4 main goals

- Build strong and inclusive communities
- Provide fun learning opportunities
- Celebrate reading and literacy
- Reach and engagement everyone in the community

Summer Learning program

- Run through June 1 – July 31
- Offer to all ages in 5 groups
  - Pre-readers
  - Reader
  - Pre-teens
  - Teens
  - Adults

Lunch at the Library

- Pop-up libraries at local community meal sites
- Run from mid-June through July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Offer free books, Story times, and crafts
- Funded through a California State and California State Library Grant

Graphic Novel Making Contest

- Run from June 1 through July 31<sup>st</sup> – accepting comic submissions
- Branches run supportive programs to help participants learn how to make comics
- In 2024, 361 attendees these programs, 200 contest entries

Commissioner Mishra arrive at 6:48pm

There was no public comment. The Commission engaged in discussion.

**B. INFORMATIONAL: [San José Public Library Expanded Learning](#) (L. Nolan)**

Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan, provided an overview of the San José Public Library Expanded Learning

Trends:

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading scores shows 54% of students are reading below grade level
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade math scores show 50% students learning below grade level

Question of The Library:

- Who needs us (the Library) the most and how can we better serve them?
- Expanded Learning Unit focuses on topics surrounding these questions.
- Expanded Learning Workplan Items
  - Library programs:
    - Class visits and school outreach
    - Out of school times and after school program
      - STEM 2025
      - One in Math/BATA
      - Quality Standards process
      - Academic Support: Reading Partners
        - Support struggling readers and implementing this fall.
  - Library Cards
    - Student Cards
    - Educator Cards
    - School Library Card Day – enroll all students to the student library cards
    - Engage training and development
    - State Library Student Success Working Group preparing for 2026
    - Opportunities:
      - Final Report FY 24-25
      - MOU reengagement
  - SJ Learns and Tutoring Matters: High dosage tutoring, and low-ratio extended academic support for TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade
    - SJ Learns
      - Fall FY 24-25
      - 605 total students (69% goal)
    - Tutoring Matters
      - 2022-25
        - Served 33 schools
        - 3,038 total students

There was no public comment. The Commission engaged in discussion.

## **VI. Reports and Information Only**

### **A. Council Liaison Report (Anthony Montes)**

Council Liaison, Anthony Montes, provided the following report on Councilmember Campos' focus:

- Focus Area: The homeless population to move out of homelessness are single mothers, families, and foster youths aging out of foster care

- Divestment from the Federal Government on housing for families and early childcare
- Focus Area: Career and workforce
  - College and Career Pathways: funding will cut from City funding and transition to be funded by the San Jose Public Library Funding.
  - SJWorks: 15 subsidize positions will go to unsubsidized.
- Focus Area: Family, Friends, and Neighborhood Network: Library had a program to provide resources for childcare providers is up for potential defunding in FY 26-27.

**B. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (Lauren Box)**

- i. Recreation Division
  - 1. Most summer camps begin June 9
  - 2. Summer registration start on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM
- ii. Parks Division
  - 1. Viva CalleSJ on June 8
  - 2. Viva Parks Activations from 6-8 PM
  - 3. Paint the CitySJ
    - a. Offers painting class in the park

**C. Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)**

- i. Summer Learning kicks off on June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Graphic Novel Contest kicks off on June 1<sup>st</sup>
- iii. Celebrations
  - 1. Pride Month
  - 2. Immigrant Heritage month
  - 3. Juneteenth, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Library will be closed

Visit [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org) for more information on events and programs.

**D. Commission Chair Report**

**E. Commission report by District**

**VII. Future meeting items**

No Future items were added.

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be on August 25, 2025 at Council Chambers.

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**IX. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M



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Marian Kucharewski  
San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:  
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY



Dziem Nguyen