



# City of San José Library and Education Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2026

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

#### Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Angelica Ramos; Vice Chair Coco-Nicole Banks, Commissioners Daphna Woolfe, Karina Solano, Deniz Laniy-Hill, Jose L. Abastida, Gini Bossenbroek, Patricia Mendoza, Gerard Roney, Sharon Holt, Kristen Brown, Charea Bustamante and Westley Baker

ABSENT: Commissioners, Ramnik Saandal and Marvin McCrary

STAFF: Deputy Library Director of Public Services Ann Grabowski, Deputy Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi and Michelle Amores; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy and Sharon Fung Librarian Emily Terada and Jeana Clampitt

OTHERS: Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; City of San Jose Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei; City of San José District Citywide Youth Commission Chair Marian Kucharewski; City of San José District 2 Youth Commission Vice Chair Neyha Pradeepkumar

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:04 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 13 Commissioners present and 2 Commissioners absent.

### II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Abastida, seconded by Commissioner Laniy-Hill, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve November 19, 2025, meeting minutes. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

### III. Open Forum: No individuals addressed the Commission.

### I. Discussion/Action Items

#### A. Youth Commission Update (M. Kucharewski/N. Pradeepkumar)

The Commission received announcements and updates from the City of San José Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

**B. Library Collections (S. Fung)**

The Commission received a verbal report on the San José Public Library's Collections and Technical Services.

**C. Library Budget Review (F. Cabana)**

The Commission received a verbal update on the Library Budget.

**IV. Council Liaison's Announcements**

City of San José Councilmember Rosemary Kamei addressed the Commissioners.

Councilmember Kamei shared that the City of San Jose will be celebrating 250 years and planting 250,000 daffodils throughout the City. She also shared that the San Jose Earthquakes and San Jose Police Department are partnering to launch an after-school program. Lastly, the Mayor's budget message will be released in March. The first budget study session will be on February 5, 2026.



**V. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Ramos shared that she will be taking maternity leave in March. Vice Chair Coco-Nicole Banks will lead in her absence.

**VI. Library Director's Announcements**

San José Public Library Deputy Director of Operations, Jenny Choi, shared that the San José Public Library and San José State University King Library are hosting the 13th Annual LocalLit event on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the King Library. For more details, including a list of participating authors, visit [www.sjpl.org/LocalLit](http://www.sjpl.org/LocalLit). In partnership with the Santa Clara County Library District and Santa Clara County Office of Education, the San José Public Library will participate in Silicon Valley Reads, a community engagement program that selects an annual theme with accompanying books and events. For more information and to register, visit [www.sjpl.org/SVReads](http://www.sjpl.org/SVReads). San José Public Library is thrilled to kickoff Black History Month in February with a special 100-year commemoration event on **Thursday, Feb. 5 from 5-6 p.m.** at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. For a complete list of events, visit: [sjpl.org/BHM](http://sjpl.org/BHM). The Library will be closed for the holidays which includes Monday, February 16, 2026, for President's Day and Tuesday, February 17, 2026, for Lunar New Year. King Library will remain open for both days. The library's online collection, eLearning resources, and streaming services will not be impacted and will be available at [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org).

**VII. Comments and Announcements:**

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Vice Chair Banks gave an update on the Budget Sub-Committee.

B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Vice Chair Ramos shared that the Foundation did not reach their fundraising goal for 2025. They will be coming together to discuss their 2025 annual accomplishments. It is budget season and the Foundation will be scheduling meetings with the Mayor and City Council members to discuss budget priorities. Commissioners are encouraged to attend these meetings.

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

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

**IX. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: None**

**X. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on **February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Vineland Library.**

**XI. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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Angelica Ramos, Chair  
San José Public Library  
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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