
MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 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 Lanyi-Hill, Jose L. Abastida, Gini Bossenbroek, Patricia Mendoza, Gerard Roney, Sharon Holt, Kristen Brown, Charea Bustamante, Ramnik Saandal, Marvin McCrary

ABSENT: Commissioners Lanyi-Hill, Baker

STAFF: Deputy Library Director of Public Services Ann Grabowski, Deputy Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Manager Karla Alvarez and Anh Rodrock; Senior Librarian Paul Wilson, Security Senior Supervisor Lee Pendleton

OTHERS: Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; City of San Jose Councilmember Rosemary Kamei; Council Assistant Kobe Lopez

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:02 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 11 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

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

On the motion of Commissioner Woolfe, seconded by Commissioner Abastida, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve January 21, 2026, meeting minutes. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Commissioner Brown arrives at 7:04 PM

III. Open Forum: No individuals addressed the Commission.

I. Discussion/Action Items

A. Branch Spotlight: Vineland Library (P. Wilson)

The Commission received a verbal report on the Vineland Branch Library.

Commissioner Mendoza arrived at 7:13 pm

B. Library Security Update (A Rodrock)

The Commission received a verbal update on the San José Public Library Security.

C. Equity and Inclusion Services Report (K. Alvarez)

The Commission received a verbal report on the San José Public Library Equity and Inclusion Services.

On the motion of Commissioner Vice Chair Coco, seconded by Commissioner Bossenbroek, Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the Equity and Inclusion Services Report.

D. Adopt Annual Commission Budget Position Message to Council (Sub-Committee)

The Commission received the Annual Budget Position Message and voted to approve and accept the latter for submission to City Council. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Commissioner Abastida, seconded by Commissioner Bossenbroek, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Budget Position Message to Council, incorporating the edits discussed by the Commission.

IV. Council Liaison's Announcements

City of San José Councilmember Rosemary Kamei addressed the Commissioners. Councilmember Kamei shared the following updates:

- Councilmember Kamei joined City Manager during her regular visits to different department locations, one of which was West Valley Branch Library. She shared updates from the first Council Budget Study Session in which it's expected \$55-65 million deficit. The Mayor's Budget Message will be released on March 9th.

V. Chair's Announcements

Chair Ramos shared that she held a successful event at West Valley Community Room

VI. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library Director, Jill Bourne, shared

- a. Black History Month at SJPL: SJPL hosting two special exhibits: "Art of the African Diaspora Art" Supports artists of African descent in the Bay Area. Black Spartans explores the history and lives of some of the first black students at SJSU.
- b. SJ2026 Special Edition Library cards are available at MLK Library.
- c. 10th Annual Nowruz Celebration is on Saturday, March 14, from 2-3 PM at the Rotunda

The library's online collection, eLearning resources, and streaming services will not be impacted and will be available at sjpl.org.

VII. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:
Commissioner Roney attended District 9 Pam Foley event to celebrate her term with the City of San José.
- B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Chair Ramos shared the Foundation's Joint Advocacy Committee has met with Councilmembers to voice their support of the library and recommendation to limit any or all budget cuts to library services. For more information, please visit Sjplf.org/advocate. The Foundation encourages Commissioners to invite the Foundation to their Neighborhood Association.

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 **March 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 3rd Floor**

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Angelica Ramos, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

CASSIE HUNTER