
MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 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, Marvin McCrary, Charea Bustamante and Westley Baker

ABSENT: Commissioners Ramnik Saandal and Kristen Brown

STAFF: Deputy Library Director of Public Services Ann Grabowski, Deputy Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi, Michelle Amores, Abby Shull; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Paul Wilson and Melissa Datu, Librarian Binh Tran; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter

OTHERS: Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; City of San Jose Council Assistant Kope Lopez

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:01 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 11 Commissioners present.

II. Public Comment: No individuals addressed the Commission or provided public comment.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2026.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2026.

On the motion of Commissioner Bossenbroek, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve February 18, 2026, and March 18, 2026, meeting minutes. (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Branch Spotlight: Village Square Library (M. Datu & B. Tran)

The Commission received a verbal report on the Village Square Branch Library.

Commissioner McCrary arrived at 7:24 pm

B. San José Public Library Update (D. Coppin)

The Commission received a verbal report on the San José Public Library Foundation. Discussion followed.

C. Summer Programming/Learning Update (P. Wilson)

The Commission received a verbal report on the San José Public Library's summer learning programs. Discussion followed.

D. Budget Update (F. Cabana)

The Commission received an update on the San José Public Library's and City of San José's budget. Discussion followed.

V. Council Liaison's Announcements

On behalf of City of San José Councilmember Rosemary Kamei, Council Assistant Kobe Lopez, addressed the Commissioners. Kobe shared the following updates:

- a. Council District 1 held their Budget Townhall on Monday, April 13, 2026, at West Valley Library.
- b. The Mayor will be hosting three Budget Townhalls in the coming month. First will be April 20, 2026, and the Center for Employment Training, second will be May 4, 2026, at Santa Teresa Church and the third will be held on May 18, 2026, via Zoom.

VI. Chair's Announcements

Chair Ramos didn't have any updates to share with the Commission.

VII. Library Director's Announcements

On behalf of Jill Bourne, San José Public Library Deputy Director of Operations, Jenny Choi, shared:

- a. National Library Week and National Library Volunteer Week, this year, are both celebrated and recognized next week April 19, 2026 – April 25, 2026. Find more information on these national celebrations by visiting: sjpl.org.
- b. The 2026 Gira de Libro Library Tour by Bicycle on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, visit: sjpl.org/giradelibro.
- c. The San José Public Library is hosting its 6th Annual Spring into Poetry Contest this April in celebration of National Poetry Month. The contest closes in just two weeks on **Thursday, April 30th**. For more details and to submit your work, please visit: sjpl.org/PoetryContest.
- d. San José Public Library will have limited hours on Thursday, April 23, 2026, due to its annual CARE all staff in-services. All SJPL locations will open at 2:00 p.m. except for the Mt. Pleasant Bridge Library, which will be closed for the day. The library's online collection, eLearning resources, and streaming services are always available at sjpl.org

VIII. Comments and Announcements:

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

None.

B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: None.

IX. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

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

X. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: None

XI. 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**

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

/s/

Angelica Ramos, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER