
MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026

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, Ramnik Saandal, Gerard Roney, Marvin McCrary, Charea Bustamante and Westley Baker

ABSENT: Commissioners Karina Solano, Deniz Lanyi-Hill, Patricia Mendoza, Sharon Holt and Kristen Brown

STAFF: City Librarian Jill Bourne, Deputy Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi and Michelle Amores; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Sr. Public Info. Rep. Nancy Macias; Program Managers Anh Rodrock and Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy, Librarian Emily Tereda; 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 7:07 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present.

II. Public Comment: Michael Melillo expressed concern about the 3D printing of firearms and encouraged the Commission support Assembly Bill 2047.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2026.

On the motion of Commissioner Banks, seconded by Commissioner Woolfe, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve April 15, 2026, meeting minutes. (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

IV. Discussion/Action Items

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

The Commission received verbal update from the City of San José's Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair. Discussion followed.

- B. Library Bond Review: Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library (A. Rodrock)**
The Commission received a verbal update on the renovations at the Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library. Discussion followed.

- C. Submission of Topics for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Work Plan (C. Hunter)**
The Commission reviewed topics to add to the Library and Education Commission work plan for fiscal year 2026-2027. Discussion followed.

V. Council Liaison's Announcements

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

- a. May 21, 2026, is the deadline for all council offices to submit their budget documents to the Mayor's Office.
- b. The Mayor's Budget message will be released on June 1, 2026, and the final budget hearing will be on June 9, 2026.
- c. Councilmember Kamei attend the School City Collaborative meeting held on May 13, 2026.
- d. Council District 1 opened an internship program, and they are currently reviewing applications.

VI. Chair's Announcements

Chair Ramos shared that the Primary Elections will be taking place on June 2, 2026.

VII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library Director, Jill Bourne, shared:

- a. The San José Public Library will have ballot drop boxes at 21 of its 25 locations for the June 2nd Primary Election. To view the complete list of participating library locations and to find voter registration and resources, visit: sjpl.org/voting.
- b. The San José Public Library's annual Summer Learning program will run from June 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026. For more information and to pre-register, visit: sjpl.org/Summer.
- c. San José Public Library's 18th Annual Graphic Novel Making Contest will run from June 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026. Winners from the contest will be announced at the Award Ceremony on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Find more details at: sjpl.org/GNMC.
- d. The San José Public Library's California Room will host the Bay Area Comics and Comix Exhibit kickoff event with special guest panelists on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the King Library in room 225. Learn more and view the list of guest panelists at: sjpl.org/Comix.
- e. Village Square Branch Library celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Find more information at sjpl.org/VS10.
- f. Today the San José Public Library held its award ceremony for our Educators of the Year.
- g. The City Manager's Proposed Budget has been released.

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

VIII. Comments and Announcements:

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

None received.

B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Chair Ramos shared:

- a. The Foundation was the exclusive supporter at the Library's Educators of the Year awards.
- b. The Foundation raised \$83,290 during the Annual Library Giving Day Campaign.
- c. The Foundation is planning and securing scholarships for two major fall events: The Family Literacy Festival being held on September 5, 2026, and their signature author event in October 2026.
- d. Three of the Foundation's staff will be presenting at the 10th Annual International Public Library Fundraising conference happening June 7, 2026, through June 9, 2026.

IX. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

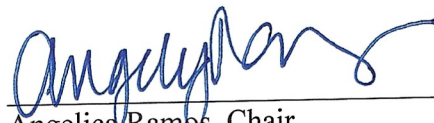
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

X. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: None

XI. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at **Hillview Library.**

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.



Angelica Ramos, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY


CASSIE HUNTER