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MEETING MINUTES  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Deniz Westphal, Patricia Gardner, Patricia Mendoza, Melanie Sellar, Gerard Roney and Westley Baker

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Anarita Reyes, Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Kristen Brown and Janice Allen

**STAFF:** City Librarian Jill Bourne, Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi, Interim Deputy Director Ann Grabowski; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi and Jean Herriges; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Sr. Analyst Anthony Glum; Sr. Librarians Michelle Clark and Megan Maloy; Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter;

**Others:** City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes; City of San José District 3 Youth Commission Chair Nolan Mascarenhas; City of San José District 3 Youth Commission Vice Chair Andrew Lieu

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:06 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present, and 5 Commissioners absent.

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approve the September 18, 2024, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2024.

On the motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Westphal, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the September 18, 2024, agenda, as well as the August 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

**III. Public Record:** There was no correspondence for the Commissioners to review.

**IV. Open Forum:** No individuals addressed the Commission.

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

A. **INFORMATION:** Youth Commission Update (N. Mascarenhas & A. Lieu)  
The Commission received an update from the City of San José's Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

- B. INFORMATION: Branch Spotlight: Biblioteca Latinoamericana (M. Clark)  
The Commission received a report on the Biblioteca Latinoamericana Library Branch. Discussion followed.
- C. INFORMATION: Budget Overview (J. Choi & A. Glum)  
The Commission received a report on the Library budget. Discussion followed.
- D. INFORMATION: Capital Program Update (J. Choi)  
The Commission received a report on the Library Bond Program Plan. Discussion followed.
- E. INFORMATION: Date Selection for Special Joint Meeting with Youth Commission  
The Commission received proposed dates to hold a special joint meeting with the Youth Commission in March 2025. Discussion followed.

## **VI. Council Liaison's Announcements**

Library and Education Commission Secretary reported on behalf of Council District 3's Council Assistant Bryan Reyes. The Councilmember has had quite a busy month with Silicon Valley Pride, hosted both the Lowrider Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September then the El Grito on the 15th, participated in the Viva Calle on the 8th, hosted the LGBTQ+ forum here at city hall, honored the Reed Magazine for earning their 3<sup>rd</sup> Pushcart for Small Journalism at Universities, and yesterday Councilmember spoke at the MLK Library for the unveiling of the Warriors cards. Councilmember Torres' office hosted a table at the SJSU Votes Festival on the same day as the event served as a reminder for everyone at SJSU and the surrounding community to remember to register to vote and request ballots. Over the next few weeks, we look forward to this week's Author Event with Chef Martin, proclaiming October as National Arts and Humanities Month, and the many events going on throughout the City.

## **VII. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Magaña shared attended the Kristi Yamaguchi Family Literacy Night at the Children's Discovery Museum. Proud to see how everyone shows up to City Council meetings in support of the Library. Please reset email password. There are two vacancies on the Commission Council District 1 and Citywide. There will be new Councilmembers come January, please reach out and introduce yourself.

## **VIII. Library Director's Announcements**

San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that On Tuesday, September 10, the San José Public Library kicked off its Fine Free Wave Campaign with the help of Krazy George, the inventor of The Wave, to announce the elimination of late fines on all overdue materials checked out on or after July 1. The announcement was made public during a ceremonial item at a San Jose City Council meeting, where the month of September was also proclaimed National Library Card Sign-Up Month. For more information, visit [www.sjpl.org/finefree](http://www.sjpl.org/finefree). San José Public Library has partnered with the

Golden State Warriors to release a new co-branded library card to promote literacy, learning, and the importance of becoming a member of the library. The Warriors library card is now available at all 25 library locations. For more information, visit [www.sjpl.org/Warriors](http://www.sjpl.org/Warriors). San José Public Library has partnered with globally known celebrity Chef and Author Martin Yan from the hit PBS television show “Yan Can Cook” to celebrate the Moon Festival at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda on Saturday, September 21, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. For more information, visit: [sjpl.org/MartinYanEvent](http://sjpl.org/MartinYanEvent). Everyone is invited to join the Alviso Branch in celebrating 25 years of community, connection, learning, and discovery on Saturday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, visit [www.sjpl.org/alviso](http://www.sjpl.org/alviso).

**IX. Comments and Announcements:**

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

No announcements or meetings attended by Commissioners.

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

Vice Chair Ramos shared the Martin Yan event has completely sold out and there is a waitlist. The Board of Director’s approved the 2023 audit and the 990 tax filings at their last meeting on September 11, 2024. The Digital Inclusion Grants Committee reviewed and awarded \$350,000. Lastly, the San José Learns Community Practice is starting its new academic year of support to teachers, expanded learning instructors and principals.

the mid-year report from the San José Public Library Foundation. On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Foundation will have a signature author event at the City Hall Rotunda from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, with Martin Yan of Yan Can Cook. The Foundation Board retreat was held in June and went well.

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

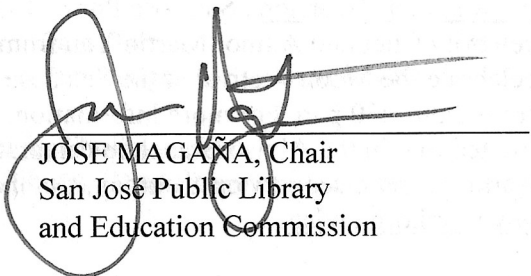
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

**XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas:** Data regarding people affected by the loss of hot spots.

**XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Dr. Martin Luther King Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, SJPL Works.**


**XIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.



JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair  
San José Public Library  
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER