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MEETING MINUTES

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Roll Call**

- PRESENT:** Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Patricia Mendoza, Janice Allen, Deniz Westphal, Melanie Sellar, and Gerard Roney
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Kristen Brown, Patricia Gardner, and Westley Baker
- STAFF:** City Librarian Jill Bourne, Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi, Interim Deputy Director Ann Grabowski; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi, Abby Shull and Jean Herriges; Administrative Officer Fiahna Cabana; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Sr. Public Information Representative Nancy Macias; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Sr. Analyst Uarporn Nopmongcol; Sr. Librarian Megan Maloy; Community Program Administrators Amanda Otte and Yadihra Orozco-Lemus; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter;
- OTHERS:** City of San José Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; 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 7:03 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present, and 4 Commissioners absent.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve the January 15, 2025, Agenda.
- B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024.

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Westphal, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the January 15, 2025, Agenda, agenda, as well as the November 20, 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 announcements and updates from the City of San José Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair. Discussion followed.

**B. INFORMATION: Digital Equity Assessment Report (A. Shull)**

The Commission received an update on the digital divide in San José, assessment of current broadband and digital equity gaps, and update to the City's existing Broadband and Digital Inclusion Strategy. Discussion followed.

**C. ACTION: College and Career Pathways Status Report (V. Kilambi)**

The Commission received an update on the status of College and Career Pathways and voted to accept the report. Discussion followed. On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Banks, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the report.

**D. INFORMATION: Library Budget Review (J. Choi)**

The Commission will receive an update in the Library Budget. Discussion followed.

**VI. Council Liaison's Announcements**

Vice Mayor Kamei shared that she will be Vice Mayor until January 28, 2025, but will continue to be the liaison for the Library and Education Commission. The Neighborhood and Services Committee will be chaired by Peter Ortiz and Vice Chair Bien Doan. Council members will be Cohen, Candelas, and Campos. Youth Commission has a new liaison, Pamela Campos. The interim Council District 3 council member will be chosen at the January 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and will take office February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The elections will take place in April. The new Vice Mayor will be council member Pam Foley. City Hall will be closed on January 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day. Council District 1 is partnering with Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services for a day of service at Hammond Park on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Forum will be taking place January 25<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt Community Center. Council District 1 is hosting a The Black History Month activity on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall Plaza and Rotunda at 5:00 P.M.

**VII. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Magaña shared the news about the City's budget. Encouraged Commissioners to attend budget hearing meetings and City Council meetings to advocate on behalf of our library's. Chair Magaña attended a Lego building event at the Rose Garden Library. There was also a superhero gymnastics play date happening in their community room.

**VIII. Library Director's Announcements**

San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that the San José Public Library invites families to a special story time to celebrate and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through stories, songs, and fun story time activities. The events are free and will be held at several SJPL locations throughout the month. For a complete list of events, visit: [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org). Tully Community Branch is celebrating its 20th Anniversary and Lunar New Year on Friday, Jan. 17 from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. You can find more information at

[sjpl.org/Tully20](http://sjpl.org/Tully20). In celebration of the Lunar New Year holiday, the Berryessa and Seven Trees Branch Libraries will also be hosting community events on Saturday, Jan. 25. For more information, please visit: [sjpl.org/LunarNewYear](http://sjpl.org/LunarNewYear). Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M., is the kickoff for Silicon Valley Reads 2025, being held at DeAnza College. This year's theme is empowering humanity, technology for a better world. For more information and to register, please visit: [sjpl.org/SVReads](http://sjpl.org/SVReads). Upcoming Holiday Closures, Jan. 2025:

- Mon., January 20, 2025 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (All SJPL locations closed)
- Wed., January 29, 2025 - Lunar New Year Holiday (King Library Open)

The library's eBook collection, eLearning resources, and streaming services are always available at [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org)

**IX. Comments and Announcements:**

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

No Commissioners provided any comments or attended any events.

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

Vice Chair Ramos shared that the SJPLF end of year fundraising campaign exceeded its goal by raising \$210,000. The first SJPLF Board meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. They will continue to work on the Strategic Plan. Chief Philanthropy Officer, Nicole Chitty, is resigning from the Foundation after over 5 years.

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

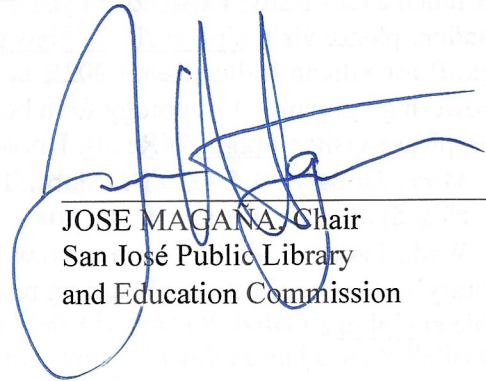
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

**XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas:** None suggested.

**XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Educational Park Library Branch.**

**XIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.



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JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair  
San José Public Library  
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



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CASSIE HUNTER