



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of DECEMBER 19, 2024

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting DECEMBER 19, 2024, at the Koret Auditorium, Main Library and able to view virtually on Zoom.

The SFPL Commission meeting was called to order at **4:30 PM.**

Commissioners Present: Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, and Bolander.

President Wolf presented the ancestral homeland acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, said Facebook puts profits over safety and is toxic, and the Library continues to tout social media.

Emily Garvey, Executive Director Friends of the Library, shared updates of Friends activities including their Annual Appeal and have completed their Annual Report and the new e-commerce store is open.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the minutes are seriously deficient with what he has said.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi seconded by Vice President **Huang** to approve the **November 2024** Commission Minutes.

Action: AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 FY 26 & 27 Budget Discussion

Mike Fernandez, Chief Financial Officer presented on FY 26 & 27 Budget, sharing the Mayor's instructions, alignment with SFPL Vision 2030 Strategic Priorities and that general fund revenue projection was revised down and what are next steps in the budget process.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he would like to know more specifics about what the Library plans on doing.

Ruben Juarez asked if the Library anticipated inflationary pressures, and what that means and how that works generally.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall asked if the new administration would have different priorities and is the city prepared for federal funding to be reduced.

Fernandez said the two administrations consulted each other and they are not anticipating new priorities or much change in direction.

Commissioner Bolander asked what the Mayor's guidance on inflation was.

Fernandez said the Mayor's office revised it downward from 3.1 to 2.4.

President Wolf asked what the plan was to bridge the deficit gap and there won't be a lot of discretionary funds available.

Fernandez said the Library has accumulated fund balance and there will be trade offs.

Vice President Huang said the presentation contained a lot of details in painting the overall picture and looks forward to digging into details over the next few months.

Lomax Ghirarduzzi said they will need to look at how the deficit impacts Library culture.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Alejandro Gallegos, Community Engagement Manager, CPP presented First Person: Indigenous Heritage Month highlights including youth and adult events and programming.

Anissa Malady, Main Library 4th Floor Manager presented One City One Book: San Francisco Reads events and programs. This year's book selection was I Know Why the Cage Bird Sings by Maya Angelou in coordination of the installation of the Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman monument at the Library.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he was concerned with what hasn't been emphasized or even presented or discussed and that is what is the library doing with respect to a whole range of what I would be current affairs, politics, social situations, democracy.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Ono said she learns something new with each CL report and thanked Mall and Wolf for serving on the One City One Book (OCOB) selection Committee.

Commissioner Mall said the May Angelou monument unveiling was one of the best events, the programming and the people and everything she stood for was moving.

President Wolf said the OCOB Committee is her favorite book club and thanked Susan for including her in it and what a great job Anissa has done to move the program forward.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 2025 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said meetings should not be during business hours.

Ruben Juarez said he appreciated the two meetings in February, it provides transparency.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **Mall** seconded by Commissioner **Lomax Ghirarduzzi** to approve the **2025** Commission meeting schedule.

Action: AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 Election of 2025 Officers

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said there should be public comment on the nominations.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall nominated President Wolf for 2025 Commission President.

Action: AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

Commissioner Bolander nominated Vice President Huang to serve as 2025 Commission Vice President.

Action: AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 ADJOURNMENT of SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the Commission should not adjourn before they insist having an item on the Agenda to discuss future items they would like to see in future meetings.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **Lomax Ghirarduzzi** seconded by Commissioner **Ono** to adjourn the December 19, 2024 Commission Meeting.

AYES 6-0 **Action:** AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Mall, Lopez, and Bolander)

The meeting adjourned at **5:54 PM**
Margot Shaub, Commission Affairs Analyst

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Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the Commission Liaison Affairs Analyst/Custodian of Records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library Commission webpage: sfpl.org/library-commission/public-notices/agendas. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to Library Commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).