



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of OCTOBER 16, 2025

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting OCTOBER 16, 2025, at the Koret Auditorium, Main Library and virtually on Zoom.

The SFPL Commission meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.

Commissioners Present: Wolf, Huang, Lopez, and Bolander.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Emily Garvie, Executive Director, Friends of the Library, said the Lit Crawl Literary Festival will take place on October 25, 2025, the annual Booksale is on November 7-8 and their annual fundraising campaign kicks off at the end of the month.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, said he has some concerns about the safety of the Library and its patrons, and the Library pushes people to take part in social media.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Peter Warfield said the minutes are a poor job of summarizing what he has said.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOPEZ** to approve the minutes with two edits seconded by Vice President **HUANG** to approve the **SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**, Commission Minutes with requested edits.

Action: AYES 4-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 SUMMER STRIDE

Alejandro Gallegos, Community Engagement Manager and Ileana Pulu, Acting Youth Services Manager, gave an overview of 2025 Summer Stride Program, which ran from June 1 through August 31. The learning goal for participants is 20 hours of reading, learning, listening and time at the Library and when reached finishers can choose a tote bag. More than 30,000 signed up to participate, and 70% of them reached the goal. Ken Pak was the 2025 Summer Stride artist.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said it was a pleasure to hear what the Library is doing, and the program focus on books and reading. He said the publicity could be improved.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lopez congratulated the team on producing another successful Summer Stride and said it takes a village and many partnerships to make it happen.

President Wolf said Summer Stride is an all-hands-on deck program and appreciated the focus on youth engagement. Wolf asked what lessons were learned.

Pulu said they would like to more engagement around people finishing and Gallegos said more outdoor programming.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Naomi Jelks, Main Library Manager, gave a progress report on the Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP), including equity practices successfully implemented, which included three new Affinity Groups, leveraging outlets and partnerships to increase diversity of people applying to work at the Library and aligning the work with new Strategic Plan.

Allison Wyckoff, Director of Exhibitions, Community Programs and Partnerships gave an overview of current and upcoming Library Exhibitions which included LivingTattooTraditions: American Irezumi and Beyond and runs from October-March 2026 and Skateboarding San Francisco which had more than 10,000 visitors to the Jewett Gallery. The new Exhibitions team will work to increase audience engagement, bring in younger and diverse audiences to the exhibitions.

Lori Talarico, Community Engagement Coordinator presented the 2025 One City One Book, *The Worlds I See* by Dr. Fei-Fei Li and gave highlights of related Library programming, including San Francisco AI Week, which will run from December 11-17.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the One City One Book does not sound like it is critical book about AI, which is significant.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lopez said the Affinity Groups are very important to staff and the Exhibitions are culturally relevant.

Vice President Huang said it was remarkable that the One City One Book landed on *The Worlds I See* and that there is a divisive temperature around AI and this author is optimistic about AI without being fanatical.

President Wolf said she enjoys serving on the One City One Book Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF HELEN MARTE BAUTISTA

City Librarian, Michael Lambert gave a tribute to Helen Bautista and her contributions serving on the San Francisco Public Library Commission and asked the Commission to adjourn in memory of her.

Public Comment

Andreliz Bautista McGlade thanked the Commission for honoring her mother. She said her Mother had a love of service

and culture, lived with purpose and as a teacher inspired generations.

Peter Warfield said he remembered Commissioner Bautista, who was full of curiosity and interest.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **BOLANDER** seconded by Vice President **HUANG** to adjourn the meeting in Memory of Helen Bautista

Action: AYES 4-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, and Bolander)

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:00 PM

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