



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of NOVEMBER 20, 2025

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting NOVEMBER 20, 2025, at the Koret Auditorium, Main Library and virtually on Zoom.

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

Commissioners Present: Wolf, Huang, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, Lopez, Bolander, Jones and Calhoun.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Robert Smith submitted a letter of formal grievance regarding his experience with the San Francisco Great Books Council.

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 folks in a variety of ways and the continual shrinking of privacy.

Miriam Ruble, Treasurer, Friends of the Library Board, said the Friends are about to launch their year-end fundraising campaign and completed their strategic planning process.

Jason Gibbs, former librarian, said someone was murdered at the Library, which had nothing to do with the Library, and that was never communicated to staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2025

Peter Warfield said the minutes are dishonest and leave out certain points.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRADUZZI** to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner **LOPEZ** to approve the **OCTOBER 16, 2025**, Commission Minutes with requested edits.

Action: AYES 7-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, Lopez, Bolander, Jones and Calhoun)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 ANNUAL REPORT FY 2024-2025

Jaime Wong, Director of Communications presented the FY 24-25 Annual Report, which included highlights of accomplishments, milestones, expenditures, exhibitions, programs, top book titles, and patron satisfaction data.

Public Comment

Emily Garvie, Executive Director, Friends of the Library, said their donors and members provided support of over \$902,00 to the Library and it is incredible to see all the outcomes from Friends support.

Peter Warfield said the report says circulation data but below that it says the number of physical and digital materials added to the collection and he was disappointed that there are no circulation figures.

Jason Gibbs said when speaking of staff assistants, that means frontline staff, Librarians, Technicians, Assistants, Pages, Custodians and Security, people who are serving the Library every day and that is where the greatest satisfaction comes from.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lopez asked if the patron satisfaction is broken out by individual Branches and if staff could elaborate on how the data is collected.

Randy McClure, Chief of Research, Statistics, and Analytics, said they have been sending out the survey, randomized, to active patrons, every month.

Commissioner Bolander asked about the peer benchmarking survey and how often it is done.

McClure said it came about from National organizations that have traditionally done this type of work who currently don't have funding to do it.

Vice President Huang said a 9.5% rating on staff satisfaction is remarkable and is the bedrock of what the Library does.

Commissioner Calhoun said the work was impressive.

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi said that the images in the Annual Report are wonderful and a great way to memorialize the young people in it, who Library uplifts with its platform tells a lot about the department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Gregory Hom, Program Manager, Stegner Environmental Center reported on First Person: Honoring , Native and Indigenous Cultures events and programs for youth, family and adults.

Ruben Balderas, CPP Early Learning Coordinator, gave an overview of the annual Tricycle Music Fest, which hosts 8 children's concerts, and supports Library's mission to connect to its diverse communities and centers the Library as literacy champions. At each concert a tricycle is raffled off.

Brian Weaver, 3rd Floor Manager, highlighted the 2025 Bay Beats , which is the Library's music streaming platform that champions local musical talent.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the environmental program sounded interesting and wondered if anything is being done with respect to the larger issues of climate change including AI impacts.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Jones asked if there was a scaling opportunity with Bay Beats and can people outside of San Francisco access the platform.

Weaver said people outside of San Francisco can stream the music on the platform without a Library card, if you do have a library card you are able to login and download at no cost. Last year they had 45,700 streams.

Commissioner Calhoun said it is important to focus attention on music for younger folks, and did the Library offer any music lessons for young people.

Balderas said every branch has story time which has musical components to it.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:56 PM

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Please note: These are draft minutes subject to revision by the San Francisco Public Library Commission. Copies of the minutes and handouts are available in the office of the Library Commission Affairs Analyst, 6th floor, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-4733.

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