



# *San Francisco Public Library*

## **SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting of FEBRUARY 12, 2026, at the Latino Auditorium, Main Library and virtually on Zoom.

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

Commissioners Present: Calhoun, Lopez, Bolander, Jones, Menon and Kenaston.

Vice President Calhoun presented the ancestral homeland acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 2026 Commissioner Welcome**

City Librarian Lambert welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Anu Menon and Matthew Kenaston and reappointed Commissioners Lopez and Bolander to the Library Commission.

#### Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@protonmail.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, welcomed the new Library Commissioners and hoped they understand the value of public libraries.

Ruben Juarez said he is with the Ocean View Branch and a labor leader at the Library.

Lyn Davidson, Adult Services Manager at Richmond Branch, welcomed the new and returning Commissioners on behalf of Labor and said they were grateful to management around partnering together to feed SFUSD students during the district strike.

Jessica Choy, Children's Librarian at Mission Bay welcomed the new and returning Commissioners and invited them to visit Branch Libraries.

Arcelia Montoya said she was a union representative for all library workers and welcomed the new Library Commissioners.

#### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Jones said it is with incredible excitement and energy that they bring new people to the Commission and expressed gratitude to Commissioners Lopez and Bolander who are incredible assets to the team and look forward to working together.

Commissioner Menon said it's an honor to serve the Library, which is a great institution.

Commissioner Lopez said being on the Commission is a lot of fun and learning.

Vice President Calhoun thanked Commissioners Bolander and Lopez for their service and welcomed Commissioners Kenaston and Menon to the Commission.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Warfield said the Library is facing serious dangers in respect to the internet and social media.

Emily Garvie, Executive Director of Friends of the Library, congratulated the new and reappointed Commissioners.

Jason Gibbs, retired Librarian said they heard an excellent presentation at the previous meeting where they learned that incidents were down at the library, which may be true in quantity but not quality. The staff was unsettled about a recent shooting and two weeks ago a member of the public was talking loudly on the 4th floor and a librarian approached the patron who pulled out a gun and put it on the table, and security did not respond, and the patron left on their own.

Ruben Jaurez said incident reports take a lot of time and energy to create, and staff might not always report them because they have other duties and are not reflected in the data regarding safety.

A Library Patron expressed gratitude for the resources and support the Library provides and shared an incident his wife had at the Library of not being able to participate with their child in an activity and Library staff repeatedly denied her access but eventually let his wife into the activity.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2026**

#### Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the minutes are unfortunate and are supposed to summarize what a member of the public has said.

#### Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOPEZ** to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner **JONES** to approve January **15, 2026**, Commission Minutes.

**Action:** AYES 4-0 (Calhoun, Lopez, Bolander, and Jones – Commissioners Menon and Kenaston abstained)

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4 FYS 2027 & 2028 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Mike Fernandez, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FYs 27 & 28 Budget.

[Item 4. Fys 2027 & 2028 Budget Presentation : February 12, 2026 - SFPL.org](#)

#### Public Comment

Ruben Jaurez questioned what upgraded security systems for all SFPL locations meant.

Peter Warfield said there needs to be a patron privacy audit.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **BOLANDER** to approve the FYs 27&28 Budget seconded by Commissioner **LOPEZ**

**Action:** AYES 6-0 (Calhoun, Lopez, Bolander, Jones, Menon and Kenaston)

**AGENDA ITEM NO.5 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Shawna Sherman, Program Manager, African American Center presented [More Than a Month](#)

Ileana Pulu, Youth Services Manager presented [Youth Poet Laureate](#)

City Librarian Michael Lambert presented [SFUSD Free Meals Site Activation](#)

Public Comment

Jessica Choy, Children's Librarian and President of the Librarian's Guild reiterated that they had to move quickly to come up with a plan to expand Library open hours this week and wanted to do what they can to support the community during this unique situation.

Peter Warfield said that the Library has served as a cooling center too, which is a terrific example of stepping in for the community and the screening of the Librarians was not mentioned.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Menon said the Black History Month programming, the youth poet laureate and what the library is doing with the school closures is astounding, the hard work and creativity is amazing and reflects the spirit of San Francisco.

Commissioner Jones said More than a Month is not just month, it is a whole year with expansive program offerings, and the Youth Laureate event was electric and moving.

Commissioner Lopez said that every year More Than a Month is amazing and the programing incredibly diverse.

Commissioner Calhoun said what the Library and Labor experienced and has accomplished in the last few days there was a foundation of trust there that everyone in the room has been working on for a long time.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6 ELECTION OF 2026 COMMISSION OFFICERS**

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the Commission voted on President and Vice President in December and asked why it is voting again on the issue.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **BOLANDER** to nominate Commissioner **CALHOUN** as the 2026 Commission President

**Action:** AYES 6-0 (Calhoun, Lopez, Bolander, Jones, Menon and Kenaston)

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOPEZ on behalf of Commissioner HUANG** to nominate Commissioner **JONES** as the 2026 Commission Vice President

**Action:** AYES 6-0 (Calhoun, Lopez, Bolander, Jones, Menon and Kenaston)

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:16 PM**

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