



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sara Strickler, President
Anita Battle, Board Member
Debbie Gibbons, Board Member
Dimple Kanji, Board Member

Absent: Thushan Amarasiriwardena, Vice President

Staff: Mike Eitner, Library Director
Lori Amaya, Recording Secretary

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so enacted or approved on the Consent Calendar

- *A. Report from Director Eitner Highlighting Activities for the Months of July and August, 2024.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meetings of July 10, 2024.
- *C. Modified Library Services Report for the Months of June and July, 2024.
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY24/25 Expenditures by Fund for July and August, 2024.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of July and August, 2024.

Director Eitner reported on library activities during July and August, 2024. Pathway to Learning Kits have launched and are very popular. Summer Reading had over 3800 participants, which is a 30% increase from last year, and 45% of participants completed the program. There were no changes to the Draft Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Library Board Meeting. Board Member Battle moved to accept the Consent Calendar. President Strickler seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

President Strickler nominated Vice President Amarasiriwardena for President, and Board Member Kanji for Vice President. Board Member Battle moved to accept the slate. President Strickler seconded the motion which passed with a 4-0 vote.

B. Current and On-Going Library Activities

The Library is adding PITS (Patron Incident Tracking Software) by Quipu will allow the staff to record violations of the Library's Behavior Policy, help build a searchable database, and attach Suspension Notices and behavior Agreements. The Poet Laureate recruitment will begin this month with a slightly revised process. Teen Poet Laureate recruitment will begin in the Spring. There will be a 4-year term for the Poet Laureate and a 1-year term for the Teen Poet Laureate.

C. Friends of the Library

None.

D. Patron Suggestions/Comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's Response

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Battle asked if there have been any noticeable changes since the Library Cards no longer require parent/legal guardian signature for high school students. Director Eitner responded that there has been an increase in sign-ups for that age group, in addition to the \$2 replacement fee being removed. Board Member Gibbons asked if there is a drive for Library Card Sign-up Month. Director Eitner responded that there is nothing formal this year, and the Library will have a table at the City's Employee Benefits Fair for any employees that would like to sign up for a library card.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Eitner, Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board