



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Thushan Amarasiwardena, President
Dimple Kanji, Board Member
Anita Battle, Board Member

Absent: Debbie Gibbons, Vice President
Sara Strickler, Board Member

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Elyse Kanagaratnam shared definitions and samples of vision and mission statements with the board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- *A. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of September 10, 2025
- *B. Financial Report Reflecting FY 25/26 September & October Expenditures by Fund
- *C. Bills for Ratification for the Months of September & October, 2025

Board Member Battle moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Kanji seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Receive Update on Strategic Planning Process

The Pivotal Group presented an update on the Library's Strategic Plan and discussed findings. The final draft will be presented to the board at the January 2026 meeting for approval.

B. Receive a Report from Library Director

Director Eitner reported on Library activities from November and December 2025, and Library statistics through December, 2025.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Kanji shared she participated on the selection team for the Library Card Design Contest. The new cards are expected to be released in January. There will be a physical and digital gallery.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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