



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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 the Library Director Highlighting Activities for the Months of March and April, 2025
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of March 12, 2025 and the Special Library Board Meeting of April 29, 2025
- *C. Library Services Report for the Months of February and March, 2025
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY24/25 Expenditures by Fund for March and April, 2025
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of March and April, 2025

Director Eitner reported on Library activities during March and April, 2025.

There were no changes to the Draft Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Regular Library Board Meeting and the April 29, 2025 Special Library Board Meeting. Board Member Strickler moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Board Member Battle seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Receive a Presentation on Library Strategic Planning Process

The Pivotal Group gave a presentation on the company's background and qualifications. They explained the steps on how they obtain the necessary data from various groups and how that data is incorporated into a completed strategic plan.

B. Approve Computer and Internet Access Policy

The updated draft Computer and Internet Access Policy was presented to the board with changes suggested at the previous meeting and is now approved by the City Attorney's Office. Board Member Strickler moved to approve the draft Computer and Internet Access Policy. Board Member Battle seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Kanji suggested more Library swag and more staff would help with outreach events. Swag such as pencils, stickers, paper bookmarks, books tattoos, and staff trading cards. President Amarasiriwardena's letter to City Council in support of funding for new positions was one that aided in the approval of the library's approved positions. The approval of the new library hours well be on the June City Council meeting agenda. The new hours will likely begin in the fall. City Council understood that these changes are an urgent need.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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