



**MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Sara Strickler, Board Member

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. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of November 12, 2025
- *B. Financial Report Reflecting FY 25/26 November & December Expenditures by Fund
- *C. Bills for Ratification for the Months of November and December 2025

Board Member Battle moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Kanji seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Receive Report From Library Director

Director Eitner reported on Library activities from January and February 2026, and Library Statistics through January 2026.

B. Receive and Approve Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

Director Eitner presented the Library's Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. The Board is asked to approve the summary version of the plan, and the Library will continue to refine the measures version of the plan. The Board will receive updates to the measures and how they were determined every six months. Board Member Battle moved to approve the Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan with the recommendations the Board shared with Director Eitner. Board Member Kanji seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Kanji asked if there are any updates on the appointment of a new Poet Laureate and Director Eitner confirmed there are no updates. President Amarasiriwardena had a tour of the Library during his daughter's 2nd grade class visit and saw the back of house. He thought the kids were engaged and it is a great program. Vice President Gibbons asked if there are any outreach events coming up. Director Eitner responded that the Library intends to develop an outreach calendar.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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