DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff: Marlon Romero, Acting 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 March 11, 2026

*B. Financial Report Reflecting FY25/26 March & April Expenditures by Fund

*C. Bills for Ratification for the Months of March & April 2026

Board Member Battle moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Kanji seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Receive a Report from Library Director

Acting Director Romero shared significant Library updates and activities during the months of March and April, 2026.

B. Approval of Draft Meeting Room Reservation Policy

The Meeting Room Policy was presented to the board. The new online reservation process and policy will launch in September. Board Member Strickler moved to approve the Draft Meeting Room Reservation Policy. Board Member Battle seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

C. Friends of the Library Update

The Friends will regularly attend Library Board meetings to provide updates and collaboration opportunities between the Friends and Library Board. The Friends invited the board to walk the 4th of July parade with them.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President Amarasiriwardena shared he met with Acting Director Romero on the $10,000 the Friends gave for the Library of Things. They are forming a working group and are trying to identify possible locations. They plan to visit two neighboring agencies to get ideas.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlon Romero, Acting Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board