



**MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joyce McConeghey, President
Sara Strickler, Vice President
Thushan Amarasiriwardena, Board Member
Dimple Kanji, Board Member
Kathleen Kearney, Board Member

Absent: None

Staff: Jane Chisaki, Library Director
Lori Amaya, Recording Secretary
Marlon Romero, Supervising Librarian

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, 2023.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of March 8, 2023.
- *C. Modified Library Services Report for the Months of February and March, 2023.
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY22/23 Expenditures by Fund for March and April, 2023.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of March and April, 2023.

Director Chisaki reported on library activities during March and April, 2023. There were no changes to the Draft Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Library Board Meeting.

Vice President Strickler moved to accept the Consent Calendar including the Draft Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Library Board Meeting. Board Member Kearney seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Current and On-Going Library Activities (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki invited the Board to attend the opening reception of the Japanese American Grant Project exhibit on May 17. Staff will be attending the AAPI Arts and Culture Festival on May 20 with the Book-bike. President McConeghey encouraged the Board to attend. Board Member Kanji expressed interest in attending the festival. The Library is now fully staffed with full-time employees. The Library has requested approval for another full-time employee to work at the Information Desk.

B. Introduction of Supervising Librarian Marlon Romero (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki introduced Marlon Romero to the Board and announced he will be Acting Library Director once she retires. Supervising Librarian Romero shared his background and experience at the Alameda Free Library. He also shared that discussions have begun for potential spaces for the Library at Alameda Point.

C. Seed & Tool Library (J. Chisaki)

Supervising Librarian shared that the earliest the City would start building the new aquatic center at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park is in 2026. The Seed & Tool Library is part of that build.

D. Friends of the Library (J. Chisaki)

Vice President Strickler shared the Café has launched Square and has sold more items by credit card than expected. They are testing small changes to the menu. There were approximately 120 responses to the community survey they launched. There is an interest in extending hours. The Friends are working on scheduling the next concert series.

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

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President McConeghey expressed that it is her last meeting serving on the board and that it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on the Library Board. She thanked the Board and wished them well. Board Member Kearney agreed with President McConeghey as it is also her last meeting serving on the board and shared that she is excited to see younger board members and

their enthusiasm. Board Member Kearney also noted an article she read and how volunteerism and it was interesting to see how it has changed.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Supervising Librarian Romero shared that he looks forward to working with the Board. Director Chisaki noted that tonight is her last meeting and she thanked the Board and wished them the best.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Chisaki, Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board