



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

06/02/2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, Mission Branch Library
Community Room
1098 Lexington St
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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- Via Zoom:
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Present 4 - Chair Jonathon Evans, Trustee Daniel Huynh, Vice-Chair Stephen Ricossa, and Trustee Debbie Tryforos

Absent 1 - Trustee G. Salim Mohammed

Members of the **Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends (SCCLFF)** in attendance for the Joint Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees and the SCCLFF Board included **Janet Arsenault, Kathy Betts, JoAnn Davis, Sue Rose and Ken Young.**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Huynh, to approve the excused absence of Trustee Mohammad.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

Excused: 1 - Trustee Mohammed

5:30 PM - Meet and Greet with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends

6:00 PM - The Joint Meeting will begin

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND THE BOARD OF THE SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS

[25-618](#)

Joint Meeting with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends and Possible Action to Facilitate Scheduling of a Future Joint Meeting

Recommendation: Conduct a joint meeting with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends, and take action to plan a future joint meeting.

Members of the **Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends (SCCLFF)** joined the **Board of Library Trustees** for a joint meeting. Following a short meet and greet, the joint meeting included introductions of the attending members and brief presentations and discussions about the history and work of each of the **Boards**. The **Board of Library Trustees** reviewed the history, roles and responsibilities of the **Board**. They shared information on their 2025 Work Plan and priorities, primarily addressing funding, policy updates, the Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan projects, and liaison work. The **SCCLFF Board** shared information on their history, work, and their own strategic planning. They reported strong improvements to their investment plan, updates to their governance committee documents and handbook, and information about their work in fundraising and administering grants to support library programming. Discussion addressed book sales, book donations, and efforts to make the best use of donated books to supplement collection spending, primarily in replacing worn out books. At the end of the joint meeting, it was agreed for the **Boards** to meet every 6 months, with the next meeting to be planned for December 2025.

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting of the **Board of Library Trustees** and the **Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends** adjourned at 7:09 PM.

7:14 PM - Start of Regular Board of Library Trustees Meeting **REGULAR**

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

[25-617](#)

Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

The **Board** pulled for discussion item 25-617, the minutes of the May 5, 2025 regular meeting, to inquire why they showed **Trustee Mohammad** as absent from roll call but present later in the meeting. The **Board** was reminded that **Trustee Mohammad** had arrived late to the meeting, and the minutes reflected that.

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Trustee Tryforos, to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

Excused: 1 - Trustee Mohammed

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

JoAnn Davis, Executive Director of the **Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends** provided information about patio sales scheduled for June 20 and 21, 2025, an extra patio sale scheduled at Central Park Library on June 29, 2025, and informed the **Board** that book sale schedules are available on the **Foundation's** website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 [25-620](#) Discussion on Nominations and Election of Board of Library Trustees Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025/26

Recommendation: Nominate a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Library Trustees for FY 2025/26.

At the request of **Chair Evans**, **Trustees** were polled for interest in serving as **Chair** or **Vice-Chair** of the **Board** in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 by **Patty Wong, City Librarian**. She informed the **Board** that **Chair Evans** and **Trustee Tryforos** had both expressed willingness to serve as either **Chair** or **Vice-Chair**.

Trustee Tryforos nominated **Chair Evans** for the role of **Chair**. **Chair Evans** accepted and nominated **Trustee Tryforos** for **Vice-Chair**. The Charter requires these elections to take place after July 1st each year. The **Board of Library Trustees** does not meet in July, and agreed to hold elections at their first subsequent meeting, the special meeting scheduled for August 18, 2025.

2 [25-517](#) Discussion and Action to Schedule Informational Reports to Board

Recommendation: Approve a schedule to receive informational reports.

The **Board** reviewed a proposed schedule for informational reports planned to be provided by staff throughout the coming year. One item was corrected on the proposed schedule: the informational report scheduled for August 4, 2025 was rescheduled due to the cancellation of the August 4, 2025 regular meeting. It was rescheduled for the August 18, 2025 special meeting.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Tryforos to approve the staff recommendation as amended.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

Excused: 1 - Trustee Mohammed

3 [25-586](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Work Plan Presentation to Council

Recommendation: Review and discuss work plan presentation to Council.

City Librarian Wong informed the **Board** that the presentation of their work plan to **Council** might be in August or September, and that **Council** was in recess from July 15, 2025 to August 15, 2025. The work plan presentation prepared for **Council** was reviewed, and **City Librarian Wong** provided updates on progress for several work plan items. The **Board** agreed to include in the presentation the mission and vision statements they prepared for the Library Strategic Plan. The **Board** also agreed to update the presentation to reflect that **Trustee Huynh** agreed to serve as liaison to the **Youth Advisory Commission**, and to include the number of responses to the community survey distributed as part of the Library Strategic Plan. The **Board** also agreed that **City Librarian Wong** and **Foundation Executive Director JoAnn Davis** should coordinate a date in December with an agenda draft for the next joint meeting of the **Board of Library Trustees** and the **SCCLFF Board**. A potential date being considered is the December 1, 2025 regular meeting. **Luis Haro, Deputy City Attorney** confirmed that the **Vice-Chair** of the **Board** could also be a liaison to the **SCCLFF Board**.

STAFF REPORT

City Librarian Wong provided an update on the effort to reopen the Cafe at Central Park Library, sharing that no major renovations are needed, and that more information should be available to share at the next **Board** meeting in August.

TRUSTEES REPORT

At the request of **Trustee Mohammed**, who was excused from this meeting due to travel, **City Librarian Wong** read statement he had prepared. The statement addressed the firing of the **Librarian of Congress**, and the effects and implications of this action on libraries of all types throughout the nation. **City Librarian Wong** addressed the questions and concerns of the **Board**, and provided information regarding federal actions to remove staff and collection materials from the **Library of Congress**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Tryforos, to adjourn the meeting in memory of former Councilperson Debi Davis, who recently passed away.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

Excused: 1 - Trustee Mohammed

The Board of Library Trustees Meeting is adjourned to the August 18, 2025 special meeting, at 6:00 PM, in the Edinger Room at Central Park Library.

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