



City of Santa Clara

Special Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

08/18/2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, Edinger Room
Central Park Library
2635 Homestead Rd
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 (“The Brown Act”) and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Chair calls for a Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees to commence and convene on August 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM for a Special Meeting held as a hybrid meeting to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

6:00 PM BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Board of Library Trustees meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely).

- Via Zoom:
 - o <https://santaclaraca-gov.zoom.us/j/85864257230>

Meeting ID: 858 6425 7230 or

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present 5 - Chair Jonathon Evans, Trustee Daniel Huynh, Trustee G. Salim Mohammed, Vice-Chair Stephen Ricossa, and Trustee Debbie Tryforos

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 [25-774](#) Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Vice-Chair Ricossa to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

JoAnn Davis, Executive Director of the **Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends** invited the **Board** to the upcoming 25th Anniversary celebration of the **Foundation**, which will be celebrated with an event at the **Triton Museum** on May 16, 2026. Book sales will be held as part of Art & Wine Festival celebrations on September 13 and 14, 2025. The **Foundation** will also hold book sales on September 19 and 20, 2025 at **Central Park Library**, as well as hosting a booth at the Parade of Champions on October 4, 2025. The **Foundation** will be supporting the upcoming 70th Anniversary of **Mission Branch Library**, which will be celebrated on November 1, 2025 with fun events and activities. Holiday closures of the **Library** on September 1, 2025 for Labor Day, and September 9, 2025 for Admissions Day were shared. The **Board** was informed that the **Board** of the **Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends** will be prioritizing visiting more **Library** programs and increasing visibility in the community.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [25-775](#) Election of Board of Library Trustees Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025/26

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

City Librarian Wong shared that **Chair Evans** had requested her assistance in collecting nominations for the election of the **Chair** and **Vice-Chair** for the **Board**, required at the first meeting after July 1, 2025. **Chair Evans** was nominated again for **Chair**, and **Trustee Tryforos** was nominated for the role of **Vice-Chair**. Both **Trustees** accepted their nominations.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh to elect Chair Evans for the role of Chair and Trustee Tryforos for the role of Vice-Chair.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

[25-865](#)

Informational Report to the Board - Trail of the Book: The Lifecycle of Materials in the Santa Clara City Library

Recommendation: Note and file informational report.

An informational presentation was shared with the **Board** by **Adult Services Program Coordinator Jason Thomas** and **Technical Services Program Coordinator Yu-Lan Chou** which told the story of the lifecycle of library materials, from selection through cataloging, use and eventual disposal. Staff answered questions from the **Board** addressing topics such as how books are wrapped to last longer, where they are purchased from and why, and how the collection budget is allotted between youth and adult materials. Discussion included the selection and weeding processes and how these differ between print and electronic materials.

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[25-874](#)

Action to Review and Approve Work Plan 2025

Recommendation: Action to Approve Final Work Plan 2025.

City Librarian Wong shared updated information with the **Board** about the work plan review process, which was updated so that all **Board and Commission** work plans will go to **Council** as part of a single report. The **Board** expressed frustration with ongoing changes to the process and format for work plan review with **Council**. Further revisions were made to work plan language, and corrections were made to the names and term dates listed. The **Board** requested that staff integrate charter language into the work plan, and it was agreed that the **Board** would adopt the work plan in concept, and have staff updates shared with **Chair Evans** before sending to **Council**.

A motion was made by Trustee Ricossa, seconded by Vice-Chair Tryforos, to approve the work plan as amended to include city charter language under section 1013.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Trustee Ricossa, and Vice-Chair Tryforos

STAFF REPORT

City Librarian Wong introduced the **Board** to **Deputy City Attorney Huyen Nguyen**, recently assigned as the **City Attorney's Office** liaison to the **Library**. The **Board** was informed that while the **Library** had previously waived overdue fines, the outstanding balances of overdue fines still need to be waived. There is no loss in budgeted revenue as a result of this request, which will be reviewed by **Council** at the September 16, 2025 council meeting. **City Librarian Wong** shared that the Strategic Plan was nearing completion, and would be brought to the **Board** for final review at the regular meeting on September 8, 2025. The draft Strategic Plan was reviewed with the **Board**. A 2x2x3 is being scheduled with to include staff, members of the **Board** and members of **Council** to allow review of the Library Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan, both of which are nearing completion. An update was provided that a graduation ceremony for graduates of the Career Online High School program will be held in on a weekend in October, and invitations will be shared with the **Board** should they be available to support the graduates. The **Board** was reminded that the 25th anniversary of the **Foundation** will take place in 2026, and that the **Foundation Board's** priorities will be shared with the **Board**. A reminder for **Art & Wine Festival** was shared, scheduled for September 13 and 14, 2025, with the **Library** open both days of the festival from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The **Library** will be hosting a variety of programs during **Art & Wine Festival**, with Bookmobile mobilized in the Kids' Kingdom and storytime at Magical Bridge playground. After the festival, from September 16 to 19, 2025, major asphalt work will be completed in the front and side parking lots at **Central Park Library**. During this time, parking will still be available in the underground parking lot, and behind the **Library** towards the **International Swim Center**. An all-day staff training on de-escalation skills scheduled for October 21, 2025 was reported to the **Board**, which will likely result in the **Library** being closed for the full day. Other news shared with the **Board** was the new LOTE4Kids application added by the **Library**, which provides children's books translated into 90 different languages, with good quality translations.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Huynh reported that he met **Adult Services Program Coordinator Jason Thomas** at a local history event at the **Library**, which featured a nice lecture and good turnout. He observed that there were no storytimes from August through September 5th, which **Assistant City Librarian Mila Rianto** explained was a traditional break after Summer Adventure, for staff to wrap up summer program efforts and begin planning fall programming. **Trustee Huynh** inquired about an unhoused community member blocking the walkway outside the building. Staff discussed the help available through the **Library's** security guard, the role of police should community members become disruptive or threatening, and community resource information often shared with unhoused Library visitors, including TRUST and Care Solis. **Trustee Mohammed** noted a misspelling of his name in the May minutes, where his name was misspelled **Mohammad**, and it was agreed to note in these June 2025 minutes the correct spelling to use going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Trustee Ricossa to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Trustee Ricossa, and Vice-Chair Tryforos

The Board of Library Trustees Meeting is adjourned to September 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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