



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.

LIBRARY | PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMUNITY ROOM, 2nd FLOOR
901 CIVIC CAMPUS WAY, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

CALL TO ORDER

Catherine Abalos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Catherine Abalos, President
Claire Ramsey, Vice President
Mary Giusti, Secretary

Absent: Hector Camacho, Board member

Staff Present: Valerie Sommer, Library Director,
Erika Madriz, Administrative Assistant II,
Brittany Austin, Youth Services Program Manager
Brian Malibiran, Patron Services Manager

Public: Gale Yin

AGENDA REVIEW

- No changes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written Comments Submitted:

- 0

The following individuals addressed the Library Board:

- 0

ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

1. **Summer Learning Challenge 2026 Presentation (Brittany Austin, Library Program Manager)**

Library Program Manager Brittany Austin presented updates on the 2026 Summer Learning Challenge. Almost 4,500 books have been purchased in a variety of languages, in part with donations from Genentech and Friends of the Library. There is also a variety of Library

programs and premier events alongside the Summer Learning Challenge, so far with over 500 attendees.

2. Early Vote Center for June 2, 2026 Election Update (Brian Malibiran, Library Program Manager)

Library Program Manager Brian Malibiran shared updates on the Early Vote Center that took place in the Community Room from May 4 to June 2, 2026.

3. Library Director's Report

The Board reviewed the Library Director's Report.

4. Communications and Statistics

The Board reviewed the Communications and Statistics.

5. Library Announcements

The Board reviewed the announcements. Claire Ramsey asked about the number of attendees at the Cal Benefits Workshops. Valerie Sommer to find out and report back.

6. Library Recruitments Update

The Board reviewed the list of open Library recruitments.

Additionally, there is an open position with the Library Board for a partial term through March 31, 2029, due to the resignation of Teresa Shipp. The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications through July 6. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the last week of July.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2026, Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion – Mary Giusti / Second – Claire Ramsey: To approve the Draft Minutes from the May 26, 2026, Library Board of Trustees Meeting. All members were in favor.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. Next Meeting | Agenda Building

The Board discussed agenda items for the next Library Board meeting. Potential new items include policy updates for the Community Room, meeting rooms, the suspension policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Giusti requested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Betty Battaglia who recently passed. She served on the Library Board for several years.

Being no further business, President Catherine Abalos adjourned the Library Board meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Erika Madriz
Administrative Assistant II

Catherine Abalos
Library Board President

Approved by the Library Board: ____ / ____ / ____