

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

**January 10, 2024
San Lorenzo Library**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Sarah Wilson
Preston Jordan
Sherry Hu
Teresa Keng
Maria "Sucy" Collazo
Karen Bridges

Members Absent:

Tyler Dragoni
Gary Singh
Subru Bhat

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2023

Commissioner Sucy Collazo moved and Commissioner Sherry Hu seconded for the approval of the October 4, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Michael Baldwin agreed to serve for another year as ACLAC Chairperson. Commissioner Collazo moved, and Commissioner Karen Bridges seconded the motion to elect Commissioner Baldwin for another term. Commissioner Baldwin was re-elected as ACLAC Chairperson by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Sarah Wilson agreed to serve another year as ACLAC Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Bridges Moved and Commissioner Teresa Keng seconded the motion to elect Commissioner Wilson for another term. Commissioner Wilson was re-elected as ACLAC Vice-Chairperson by a unanimous vote.

3. Appointment of Youth Commissioners

Tabatha Soto and Anthony Qiu were recommended for appointment by the Youth Commissioner Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Commissioners Michael Baldwin, Sarah Wilson and Subru Bhat, to serve as ACLAC Youth Commissioners from January 2024 to January 2025.

Tabatha Soto

Commissioner Collazo moved and Commissioner Hu seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Tabatha Soto to serve as an ACLAC Youth Commissioner. Tabatha Soto was appointed by unanimous vote.

Anthony Qiu

Commissioner Bridges moved and Commissioner Hu seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Anthony Qiu to serve as an ACLAC Youth Commissioner. Anthony Qiu was appointed by unanimous vote.

4. Overview of FY 2024/2025 Budget

County Librarian Cindy Chadwick presented an overview of the FY 2024/2025 budget timeline.

Deputy County Librarian Deb Sica shared some ideas that are planned for in the budget include RFID tagging of the library collection and PAVE Prevention De-escalation Training for all staff.

5. Tour of San Lorenzo Library

Deputy County Librarian Deb Sica led a tour of San Lorenzo Library.

5. County Librarians Report

Sunset of CD Collection

As of January 2024 Alameda County Library is phasing out CDs due to low circulation.

Question: How are CDs being removed from the selection?

Answer: They are being removed by format type and being offered for free to the public. Anything remaining may be donated.

Commissioner Bridges added that the Newark Friends we provided with CDs to sell but have not been able to sell many.

Management Changes

As of January 21, 2024 the following management changes will be in effect:

- Albany: Blaine Wentworth (former Union City Manager)
- Fremont Neighborhood (Centerville & Niles): Elizabeth Gamell (formerly Fremont Main)
- San Lorenzo: Rachel Sher (formerly Albany Manager)
- Union City: Nydia Gonzalez (formerly Fremont Main)

FE Technologies Book Lockers

The Library is working with the City of Fremont to determine the future of the Irvington Library Building.

Irvington may be a site for Book Lockers, which are very similar to Amazon Lockers or Red Box and is made possible with RFID.

This model is an excellent option for areas where we can serve areas without brick-and-mortar buildings.

6. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Hu reported that Dublin built Little Libraries in the parks. The City also signed a new contract to increase the number of hours in the library.

Commissioner Collazo reported that Newark has extended their Library hours and is now open on Sundays.

Commissioner Bridges has been trying to recruit new people to join the Newark Library League after recent retirements have left vacancies.

Commissioner Keng and Deputy County Librarian Sica reported that they attended the Affordable Housing event on Monday at Fremont, which Supervisors Haubert and Marquez also attended.

County Librarian Chadwick announced her retirement in March 2024.

7. Next Meeting Place/Date & Adjournment

Date: April 3, 2024

Place: Centerville Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Collazo moved and Commissioner Bridges seconded for adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

****These minutes are subject to Alameda County Library Advisory Commission's approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting.***