

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

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

**January 15, 2025
Castro Valley Library**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Terrence Grindall
Kashef Qaadri
Peggy McQuaid
Lance Nishihira

Members Absent:

Sarah Wilson
Subru Bhat
Teresa Keng

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2024

Commissioner Kashef Qaadri moved and Commissioner Terrence Grindall seconded for the approval of the October 2, 2024 minutes. Commissioners Grindall and Peggy McQuaid abstained from voting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Michael Baldwin agreed to serve for another year as ACLAC Chairperson. Commissioner Lance Nishihira moved, and Commissioner McQuaid 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 McQuaid moved and Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion to

elect Commissioner Wilson for another term. Commissioner Wilson was re-elected as ACLAC Vice-Chairperson by a unanimous vote.

3. Tour of Castro Valley Library

Acting County Librarian Sica introduced Castro Valley Library Manager Dawn Balestreri, who led a tour of Castro Valley Library.

4. County Librarian's Report

State Budget Impacts to All Libraries

We will likely not lose any services that we already offer, but the local city-level and rural libraries are more affected by these cuts.

Funds collected by the California State Parks Passes (distributed by libraries) go to the state parks, not libraries.

There will be increased funding towards cybersecurity.

Acting County Librarian Sica encouraged the Commissioners to reach out to their representatives and advocate for libraries. She will provide a letter template that can be used to reach out for support.

Welcome ACL's New Division Director

Sica gave an overview of the Library Administration's recent reorganization and introduced the Library's new Division Director of Community Libraries, Ramses Escobedo.

Library Statistics

Sica shared comparative data of Library services between 2023 and 2024.

National Youth Poet Laureate Update

Our laureate Jovina Zion Pradeep's poem, We Are Here, was featured in the New York Poet Laureate's fall newsletter.

Family Literacy Day – San Lorenzo

Sica highlighted the recent Family Literacy Day at San Lorenzo. This is a new initiative orchestrated by the Library's Education and Literacy Services within the Equitable Libraries Division to encourage literacy for the whole family.

5. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Terrence Grindall expressed interest in understanding the interface between schools and county libraries. Not just school districts, but universities and colleges as well.

Commissioner Peggy McQuaid reported that Albany is opening a new community housing project. And shared that they would like to include some welcome cards in their outreach bags.

6. Next Meeting Reminders, Location, Date & Adjournment

Reminders for the next meeting:

None

Location of next meeting:

Date: April 2, 2025

Place: Niles Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner McQuaid moved, and Commissioner Qaadri seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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