



CITY OF HAYWARD

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Minutes

Library Commission

May 18, 2026

6:30 PM

**City Hall
Conference Room 2A**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sofy Navarro called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SB 707 TELECONFERENCE NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATION

No notifications or considerations to report/discuss.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sofy Navarro, Crystal Porter, Shareen Purcell, Lucretia Whitener, Councilmember Julie Roche
Absent: Commissioners Angela Ramos and Jacqueline Felix
Staff: Jayanti Addleman, Director of Library Services
Jina Kim, Administrative Secretary
Sandra Stewart, Librarian I
Didacus Ramos, President of the Literacy Plus Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN 25-123 Library Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Purcell to approve May 18, 2026, Library Commission Minutes: seconded by Commissioner Whitener. Passed 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no general public comments, Chairperson Navarro opened and closed the public comment period at 6:41 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seed Lending Library
 - Presented by Sandra Stewart, Librarian I (Seed Librarian)
 - Seed donations left at the accounts desk will be routed to Sandra.
 - Program reminder emails are sent out prior to events.
- b. Literacy Plus Council Report
 - Presented by Didacus Ramos, President of the Literacy Plus Council
 - Literacy Plus programming is in high demand; expansion is critical.
 - Commissioners suggested using HPL social media and the library newsletter to highlight learner stories and boost visibility.

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- Funding/Support Ideas: Commissioners explored small business partnerships and local business charity nights.
 - Councilmember Roche noted that ballot tax measures are difficult for specific single programs like, though San Francisco does have one for their library system.
 - The Literacy Plus Council is there to publicize and support the Literacy programs at the library.
 - Director Addleman clarified actual stats are much higher than 25 students; there are currently around 250 learners and over 100 tutors.
- c. Summer Reading Report
- Summer Reading at HPL Presented by Director Addleman
 - Volunteer and Teen Volunteer information on the library's website. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Letter Writing Committee
- Motion by Chairperson Navarro to add letter to the State legislature to the agenda in the Letter Writing Committee as an emergency item; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Passed 4-0-0
 - Letter to be sent by June 14, 2026 (prior to next Library Commission meeting).
 - Motioned by Chairperson Navarro to approve the letter with font and grammatical changes made previously; seconded by Commissioner Whitener. Passed 4-0-0.
 - ESL will continue; HPN and the State Library used to provide additional funding, but we will continue providing services and programs to the public. Budget will be tightened, but not at the cost of cutting Literacy or ESL programs.
- b. Report from Budget Support Committee
- No Updates
 - Commissioner Felix is the sub-committee chairperson
 - The intention of the sub-committee was to monitor the budget and report back on the City Council meetings, with the focus being on the library budget.
- c. Report from Community Outreach Committee
- Sub-committee Chairperson Crystal Porter plans to reach out to Hector Garcia at HUSD to forward the Commission's letter to share with our state legislature in support of the libraries.
 - Shared the Library's Children's Summer programming to Kidango representative.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide more advance event notices to increase Library Commission visibility.

REPORTS

- a. Library Director
- National Library Worker's Week: thank you to the Commissioners for bringing goodies that week.
 - Staff/Budget Update:
 - Deputy Director position has been eliminated; this was Lindsey Vien's last week with HPL.
 - City Council has remained supportive of the library.
 - Programming:
 - Month of May: Library Scavenger Hunt
 - One Book One Coast book discussions: *They Called Enemy* by George Takei

- 5/20 Downtown
 - Following week at Weekes
 - 5/30 Taiko Drummer Performance at the Downtown Library
 - Weekes Branch closed two days due to a break-in.
 - Stack Center Update
 - Phase one completed
 - Phase 2 about to commence
 - Meeting with the County this week to discuss modified plans, which include the State Library's \$8M 2-year spending deadline and the County's contribution to the project.
- b. City Council Liaison
 - Continuing with \$30 Million Deficit
 - Placing a Business License tax on the November ballot.
 - Losing property transfer tax could mean an additional \$7 million deficit.
 - Details in The Stack newsletter and 5/12 Budget Session.
 - CIP park project and water treatment projects are moving forward.
 - Hayward quality of roads index scores track high.
 - Budget Work Session, 5/12
 - CIP Update: La Vista Park under construction and will become a regional park.
 - Water treatment project – waiting on federal funding.
 - Hayward has a high index road score compared to neighboring cities
 - Attended Cal CCA Conference (Renewable energy Conference)
- c. Friends of Hayward Library
 - Obtained federal IRS non-profit status; state approval pending.
- d. Library Commissioners
 - No update

AGENDA BUILDING

- Review of tentative agenda items for the upcoming year at the June Commission meeting.
 - Ongoing Stack Center Updates
 - Report no mobile outreach: Mobie/Curbie currently inactive.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

NEXT MEETING June 22, 2026

Attendance Commissioner	Present at 5/18/2026 Meeting	Meetings Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Meetings Absent to Date this Fiscal Year
Jackqueline Felix	-	5	1
Sofy Navarro	√	4	2
Crystal Porter	√	6	0
Shareen Purcell	√	6	0
Angela Ramos	-	4	2
Lucretia Whitener	√	5	1
Council Member			
Julie Roche	√	3	3