



# CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward City Hall  
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## Minutes

### Library Commission

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**July 21, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Downtown Library  
Community Learning Center**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairperson Dozier called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **AB 2449 TELECONFERENCE NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATION**

No notifications or considerations to report/discuss.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Joshua De Miguel, Dominique Dozier, Sofy Navarro, Shareen Purcell, Suresh Sangiah, and Councilmember Roche  
Absent: Commissioner Valerie Fredericks and Crystal Porter  
Staff: Jina Kim, Administrative Secretary  
Lindsey Vien, Acting Director of Library Services

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MIN 25-039** Library Commission Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025

Motioned by Commissioner Purcell to approve the June 16 Library Commission Minutes: seconded by Commissioner Navarro. Passed 4-0-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being no general public comments, Chairperson Goward opened and closed the public comment period at 6:31 pm.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Banned Books Week
  - October 5-11
  - Current list of Banned books on ALA
  - Librarians are working on curating a list of banned books
    - The library services all populations – Books aren't separated by age but there are separate genres.
  - Themes & Ideas:
    - Get Inspired – Display with Censored Books
    - Banned Books in Locked Crates
    - Fire Displays – Red Glitter Pages
  - Suggestions for Banned Books Week:
    - Themes of truth tellers and previously oppressed
      - i.e., Fahrenheit 451 – books about censorship
    - Include a plaque in front of the book that includes why the book is banned
    - Focus on specific areas: Banned books in schools, reasons why books were banned, and pulling some pages from banned books.

- Banning History Does Not Make It Not True
- Book Clubs
  - Pairing an author or a topic that's been banned with a heritage month.
- Décor Themes – art display contest on portraying banned books, getting the public involved in the art displays
- Actionable ways for Library Commissioners to get the word out:
  - Social media
    - If everyone shared their favorite banned books and have the Library Commissioners highlighted on HPL's social media.
    - Highlight Favorite Banned Books of Pinnacle People of COH i.e., The Mayor, Fire Chief etc.
    - Friends of the Hayward Library are also interested in participating in Banned Books week
  - Nuance of Banned Books is dependent on an agency/establishment
  - The Banned Books list is Community driven
    - ALA List
  - Motioned by Commissioner Navarro to add Banned Books Week to the next Commission Agenda: seconded by Commissioner De Miguel. Passed 6-0-0.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### AGENDA BUILDING

- Motioned by Commissioner to Adopt the September 2024 Commission Agenda format for September 2025; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Passed 6-0-0.
- Banned Book Weeks (September 2025)
- Appointment of Officers (October 2025)

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

**(FOLLOWING AUGUST RECESS)**

| Attendance<br>Commissioner | Present at<br>07/21/2025<br>Meeting | Meetings Present<br>to Date This Fiscal<br>Year | Meetings Absent<br>to Date this Fiscal<br>Year |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Joshua De Miguel***        | ✓                                   | 7                                               | 2                                              |
| Dominique Dozier           | ✓                                   | 8                                               | 2                                              |
| Valerie Fredericks***      | -                                   | 5                                               | 5                                              |
| Shonda Goward              | -                                   | 7                                               | 3                                              |
| Marhya Kelsch**            | -                                   | 4                                               | 4                                              |
| Sofy Navarro               | ✓                                   | 8                                               | 2                                              |
| Crystal Porter             | -                                   | 7                                               | 3                                              |
| Shareen Purcell            | ✓                                   | 10                                              | 0                                              |
| Suresh Sangiah             | ✓                                   | 7                                               | 3                                              |
| <b>Council Member</b>      |                                     |                                                 |                                                |
| Julie Roche                | ✓                                   | 8                                               | 2                                              |

\*\*Commissioner Kelsch moving from alternate status to Commissioner as of 2/26/24 meeting

\*\*\*Commissioners De Miguel and Fredericks sworn in as of 09/17/2024.

\*\*\*\*Commissioner Kelsch resigned as of 5/12/2025

\*\*\*\*\*Commissioner De Miguel resigned ahead of the 6/16/2025 meeting and the Chairperson Goward announced their resignation at the 6/16/2025 meeting.