San Mateo County Libraries

Agenda Item V.

To:	JPA Governing Board
From:	Anne-Marie Despain, Director of Library Services
Date:	June 10, 2025
Meeting:	June 16, 2025
Re:	Election of Library JPA Governing Board Officers

Background

The Bylaws for the San Mateo County Library Joint Powers Authority provide specific guidance regarding the election and terms of officers of the Governing Board.

Article IV. Officers:

A. The Governing Board will elect a Chair and Vice Chair annually not later than June. Voting shall be public. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be voting members of the Governing Board. New officers shall assume office the first day (July 1) of the next Fiscal Year.

B. It shall be the duty of the Governing Board Chair to preside at the meetings of the Governing Board, to call special meetings when necessary and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Chair. The Chair shall set the agenda in conjunction with the Library Director and the Operations Committee Chair.

C. The Vice Chair shall have all the powers and duties of the Chair in his or her absence.

D. The term of office for the Chair and Vice Chair shall commence as stated in paragraph A above, and run for a period of one year. No person shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

E. Nominations for officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations shall be made by voting members of the Governing Board only. Nominations and election of the Chair shall precede nominations and election of the Vice Chair.

F. A special election shall be called by the Governing Board if the Chair and/or Vice Chair is unable to serve a full term of office. The newly elected member shall serve the remaining term of that office and this remaining term shall be considered a term in determining consecutive terms.

G. All officers shall serve without compensation.

H. The Chair or Vice Chair may be removed from office at any time by majority vote of the Governing Board.

Discussion

Julia Mates, Chair, and Rick DeGolia, Vice Chair, were elected on February 3, 2025, to serve the remaining FY 2024-25 term, making them eligible to serve a second term.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this item.

Recommendation

Invite nominations from the floor for the positions of Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair and conduct an election at the June 16, 2025 meeting.