

Minutes

May 15, 2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Andrea Cobb, President; Sara Irish, Vice President; Theresa Pan Hosley, Trustee; J. Manny Santiago, Trustee; Elizabeth Bowman, Trustee

MEETING LOCATION

Moore Library, 215 S 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by President Cobb at 5:30pm

Present: Andrea Cobb, J. Manny Santiago, Elizabeth Bowman, Sara Irish, Kate Larsen (virtual)
Staff: Amita Lonial, Sam Benscoter, Rodney Croston, Zac Matthews, Lesley Caldwell, JoLyn Reisdorf, Mariesa Bus, Gabby Fuentes, Samie Iverson, Gabi Barragan, Janice San Nicholas, Kolbe Lee, Tony Sonsteng, Rebekah Messick
2 members of the public
Absent: Theresa Pan Hosley

LAND AND CULTURAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 24035:

1. Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Special Session; Minutes of the April 17, 2024, Board Meeting; Minutes of the April 25, 2024, Special Session
2. Financial Report for April 2024
3. HR Report for April 2024
4. Library Services Report for April 2024

Motioned, seconded, approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 24036: Payment of Bills Per Vouchers – Authorization

The Board authorizes the payment of bills per voucher as presented, and further, the Board approves and ratifies the checks issued in April 2024 by the City of Tacoma for Tacoma Public Library claims as summarized and documented in materials submitted to the Board.

Motioned, seconded, approved.

RESOLUTION 24037: Ratify Recurring Monthly Expenditures – Approval

The Board approves and ratifies the April 2024 payments for the City of Tacoma services provided to Tacoma Public Library, as presented.

Motioned, seconded, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Trustees received 12 pieces of emailed public comment.

STAFF RECOGNITION – May Staff Anniversaries

PRESENTATIONS

1. Historic Designation for “McCormick” and Mottet Buildings – Marshall McClintock, Historic Tacoma
 - a. Designation applies to exterior of building.
 - b. Board will consider how and if they'd like to support the application.
2. Office of Management and Budget Presentation – Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, City of Tacoma
 - a. Overview of how the city creates and develops its budgets.
 - b. Overview of the structural deficit and how it impacts the city budget.
3. Tacoma Reads 2024 – Mariesa Bus, Public Information Officer
 - a. Theme: Rhythms of Resilience.
 - b. The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson, and Change Sings by Amanda Gorman.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Library Director Transition
2. First Reading of Draft Naming Policy

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 24038: Request that the Board approve the Library Director Classification Specification as presented.

Motioned, seconded, approved.

RESOLUTION 24039: Request that the Board recognize the generous donation of \$300 from Kathleen Scesa Door.

Motioned, seconded, approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT

Bowman: In response to submitted public comment - would like to have more awareness in the community of the status of re-establishing the Hilltop & Eastside branches.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:11pm

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wheelock Branch, 3722 North 26th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407


Andrea Cobb, President


Kate Larsen, Secretary