

Minutes

January 15, 2025

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Andrea Cobb, President; Manny Santiago, Vice President; Sara Irish, Trustee; Elizabeth Bowman, Trustee; Priya Saxena, Trustee

MEETING LOCATION

South Tacoma Branch, 3411 S 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by President Cobb at 5:32pm

Present: Andrea Cobb, Manny Santiago, Sara Irish, Elizabeth Bowman, Priya Saxena
Staff: Rodney Croston, Lyndea Kelleher, Gabi Barragan, Lesley Caldwell, Michelle Massero, Perlita Payne, Mariesa Bus, Zac Matthews, Jared Eyer, JoLyn Reisdorf, Faith Stevens, Gabby Fuentes, Angelo Defazio

2 members of the public

LAND AND CULTURAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME OF NEW TRUSTEE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cobb: Welcome to Priya Saxena! We knew we were losing Theresa Pan Hosley at the end of last month – her term had completed. We did a recruitment process through the City and interviewed 6 people.

Trustees introduced themselves to new Trustee Saxena.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 25001

1. Minutes of the December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report for December 2024
3. HR Report for December 2024
4. Library Services Report for December 2024

Motion by Santiago. Seconded by Irish. Approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 25002: 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 December 2024 by the City of Tacoma for Tacoma Public Library claims as summarized and documented in materials submitted to

the Board.

Motion by Irish. Seconded by Santiago. Approved.

RESOLUTION 25003: Ratify Recurring Monthly Expenditures – Approval

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

Motion by Bowman. Seconded by Irish. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment received.

STAFF RECOGNITION – January Staff Anniversaries

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Spring Study Session Topics

- Planned for Friday, May 16th at Main Library from 1-5pm.
- What topics are interesting for you, and can we build an agenda to bring back for review?
- Things to consider: Two new Trustees, budget will still be of interest, Strategic Plan refresh will be of concern.
- TPL staff will send out a survey to gather Trustee input.

PRESENTATIONS

Library Rebranding Timeline – Faith Stevens, Graphic Arts and Public Information Specialist
Overview of rollout of new branding. Launching on Friday, January 17th for the first phase.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 25004: Request that the Board approve an extension of the Landscapes Inc. contract for landscaping services.

Motion by Irish. Seconded by Santiago.

Cobb: Which facilities are included?

Eyer: All facilities are included.

Approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 2024 overview of Library Services.
- Rolled out game check outs in all branches.
- Library budget has been appropriated by City Council, but they are still working on finalizing budget work and reductions – Library is participating in hiring freeze.
- Please promote all the Main reopening events!

TRUSTEES REPORT

- Irish: Went to visit a neighboring library at the McCord Library – saw their gaming station. Also completed a tour of Main and saw the elevator decal. Please buy tickets for the Foundation event!

- Santiago: Missed the December meeting - was happy to participate in the Trustee interviews.
- Cobb: Want to be clear about the Trustee selection – we intended to select two Trustees, but the Mayor would like to wait to select the second Trustee closer to the appointment date. We are not reopening the application. I also got to do a tour of Main and it looks fabulous and I look forward to how it evolves over time. For input on study session, put down all good ideas so we can have a list for future sessions.
- Bowman: Planned 1:1s with City Council need to get pushed out a bit due to their focus on budget right now. WLA is coming in April – will keep an eye out for Trustee opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:44pm.

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Moore Branch, 215 S 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408.

Manny Santiago, Vice President

Amita Lonial, Director