



Minutes

February 18, 2026

Board of Trustees: Manny Santiago, President; Joel Zylstra, Vice President; Priya Saxena, Trustee; Elizabeth Bowman, Trustee; Andrea Cobb, Trustee

MEETING LOCATION

South Tacoma Library, 3411 S 56th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409.

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by President Santiago, 5:34 pm

Present: J. Manny Santiago, Joel Zylstra, Elizabeth Bowman, Amita Lonial

Staff: Rodney Croston, Chris Hynak, Gabby Fuentes, Zac Matthews, Lesley Caldwell, Mariesa Bus, Michelle Massero, Gabi Barragan, Angelo DeFazio

2 members of the public

LAND AND CULTURAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 26008

1. Minutes of the January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report for January 2026
3. HR Report for January 2026
4. Library Services Report for January 2026

Moved by: Bowman, seconded by Zylstra, adopted

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 26009 : 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 January 2026 by the City of Tacoma for Tacoma Public Library claims as summarized and documented in materials submitted to the Board.

Moved by Zylstra, seconded by Bowman, adopted

RESOLUTION 26010: Ratify Recurring Monthly Expenditures – Approval

The Board approves and ratifies the January 2026 payments for the City of Tacoma services provided to Tacoma Public Library, as presented.

Moved by Bowman, seconded by Zylstra, adopted

Seconded by: (Last name) Zylstra

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

STAFF RECOGNITION

February Staff Anniversaries

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. Tacoma Public Library Foundation report
 - a. Foundation President Wayne Williams presented a year in review of the Foundation's goals, activities in 2025, as well a prospectus for Foundation activities in 2026. He also presented the Foundation's refreshed strategic plan, as well as their plan for future collaboration.
- II. Dashboard updates
 - a. Director Lonial presented proposed new metrics tied to strategic plan goals.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26011: Request that the Board acknowledge \$10,000 donation received through American Endowment Foundation

Moved by Zylstra, seconded by Bowman

Seconded by: (Last name) Bowman

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Bowman inquired about how trustee inbox is managed. Trustee Zylstra thanked Main staff

for hosting TPS art show

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 6:48 pm

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Branch, 1102 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402.