



Minutes

March 18, 2026

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

MEETING LOCATION

Main Branch, 1102 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Attendance:

Board of Trustees

J. Manny Santiago
Joel Zylstra
Priya Saxena
Elizabeth Bowman
Andrea Cobb

TPL Leadership

Amita Lonial

Rodney Croston
Chris Hynak

Lesley Caldwell
Mariesa Bus

Lisa Bitney
JoLyn Reisdorf
Michelle Massero
Malcolm White
Melissa Fitzgerald
Perlita Payne

Other attendees:

Staff attendees (full name): Chiantia Sago, Angelo DeFazio

Professional attendees (City of Tacoma, TPL Foundation, etc):

How many members of the public (number): 2

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by/meeting start time: Manny Santiago, 5:30 pm.

LAND AND CULTURAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 26012

- 1. Minutes of the February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 2. Financial Report for February 2026
- 3. HR Report for February 2026
- 4. Library Services Report for February 2026

Moved by Saxena:

Seconded by Cobb:

Adopted as presented **OR**

Adopted Amendment _____

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 26013: 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 February 2026 by the City of Tacoma for Tacoma Public Library claims as summarized and documented in materials submitted to the Board.

Moved by Saxena:

Seconded by Cobb:

Adopted as presented **OR**

Adopted Amendment _____

RESOLUTION 26014: Ratify Recurring Monthly Expenditures – Approval

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

Moved by: Saxena

Seconded by: Zylstra

Adopted as presented **OR**

Adopted Amendment _____

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please record the name of the commenter and 1-2 sentence description of their comments: None

STAFF RECOGNITION

March Staff Anniversaries

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Swasey Landscaping Project update

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26015: Request that the Board approve extension of the American Custodial Contract

Moved by: Zylstra

Seconded by: Saxena

Adopted as presented OR

Adopted Amendment_____

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director presented data dashboard snapshot. Cobb contemplated daily average, was monthly data down in February because of less operating days. Saxena asked for commas on Y axis. Zylstra asked for ties of metrics to priorities and outcomes.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Santiago	Santiago, Bowman and Lonial attended Mayor Ibsen’s State of the City. Santiago and Zylstra are meeting with City leadership.
Cobb	Good to be back from work travel.
Bowman	Bowman found wearing badge to events helps policy makers identify board members and network, allowing short but meaningful conversations, opens opportunities. Ribbon cutting for children’s hospital during Wayzegeose.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 6:35

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library