



Minutes

April 15th, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Manny Santiago, Elizabeth Bowman, Andrea Cobb, Joel Zylstra, Amita Lonial

Staff: Rodney Croston, Chris Hynak, Angelo DeFazio, Zac Matthews, Michelle Massero, JoLyn Reisdorf, Gabby Fuentes, Malcolm White, Lyndea Kelleher

Members of the Public: 4

Absent: Priya Saxena

Called to order at 5:34pm by President Santiago

LAND AND CULTURAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 26016

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

Motion by Bowman, second by Cobb. Motion passes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 26017: 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 March 2026 by the City of Tacoma for Tacoma Public Library claims as summarized and documented in materials submitted to the Board.

Motion by Bowman, second by Zylstra. Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 26018: Ratify Recurring Monthly Expenditures – Approval

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

Motion by Zylstra, second by Cobb. Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One piece of public comment was received via email and recognize by the Board of Trustees.

STAFF RECOGNITION

April Staff Anniversaries – Congrats!

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. 2026 Workplan and Annual Report
 - a. Director Lonial provided an update on the 2025 annual report and the goals in the 2026 workplan.
- II. Study Session Forecasting
 - a. Director Lonial discusses that Trustees typically have one joint study session with council and two half day study sessions. In the future, they would also like to have a joint session with the Foundation. Trustees agree that one whole day is easier for scheduling purposes and would like to meet with Foundation to discuss collaboration for a portion. There is interest in having the joint session in the fall so there is time for capacity building and developing an anchoring interest. Interest in an outside expert helping facilitate discussion between bodies.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 26019: Request that the Board approve a sole-source waiver and contract award to OCLC for Cataloging and Metadata, FirstSearch, and WorldShare Interlibrary Loan; EZProxy and WebDewey for a three-year term, as presented.

Motion by Bowman, second by Cobb. Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 26020: Request that the Board recognize April 19 – 25, 2026, as National Library Week, including April 21, 2026, as National Library Workers Day.

Motion by Cobb, second by Zylstra. Motion passes. Trustee Bowman requests to add this to the Board webpage.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I. Review of monthly snapshot, city updates, library news, and Trustee Topics.

TRUSTEES REPORT

- I. Santiago: Had meeting with Foundation leadership and discussed partnership and goals.
- II. Bowman: Will be attending the ribbon cutting for the children's hospital at Mary Bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by President Santiago at 7:05pm

The next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wheelock Branch, 3722 N 26th St, Tacoma, WA, 98407