



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library

February 27, 2025

Members Present: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Carmen Alvarez (Vice Chair), Liz Hawley (Secretary), Phyllis Alpert, Mary Kate Downing, Curtis Brown, Ami Marie Granger Welch, Michael Newett, Jessica Ocasio.

Member(s) Absent: Alicia Guy, Bob Argus, Abigail StClair.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Julio Granda, Chely Cantrell, Frank Colli, Allie Brazis, Josh Bomaster, Jasmine Qronfleh, Jennifer Grubb, James Comoletti, Stephanie Garza and Stacey Jurewicz.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

Minutes from the January 23, 2025 meeting were approved.

The Library's Fiscal 2025 Budget reports dated January 31, 2025 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding Insurance and State Aid expenditures as well as online learning sessions metrics.

Staff provided a summary of the FY26 budget decision units that include increased materials budget and positions for operating new libraries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library's Digital Media staff presented an overview of marketing and promotional efforts and related metrics.

Library Board member, Curtis Brown, suggested an earlier meeting start time due to traffic concerns. After initial consideration, the Library Board directed staff to take an informal online poll and bring back for discussion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff will be researching how artificial intelligence technology is being used at other library systems and bring back information for decision making and policy development.

A project timeline is in place for hiring a consultant to look at safety and security of the Library. There will be periodic updates along the way and later a presentation of the audit findings.

A question and discussion was brought up about property taxes in the state of Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025 starting 4pm at Maureen B. Gauzza Library.