



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library

April 24, 2025

Members Present: Carmen Alvarez (acting Chair), Liz Hawley (Secretary), Abigail StClair, Michael Newett, Alicia Guy, Jessica Ocasio, Mary Kate Downing.

Members Absent: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Curtis Brown, Bob Argus, Phyllis Alpert, Ami Marie Granger Welch.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Julio Granda, Frank Colliia, Allie Brazis, Josh Bomaster, Jasmine Qronfleh, Janet Marnatti, Roland Ford, Latasha Harrison, James Bess, Stacey Jurewicz, Jennifer Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm. A quorum was present later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel and Havery Perreira shared how much they enjoy the children's programs offered at the libraries they visit; Ms. Perreira also discussed previous changes to juvenile library cards and parental control as well as recent actions that may impact the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2025 Budget reports dated March 31, 2025 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. There were no concerns regarding the budget report. Clarification was provided regarding online learning sessions statistics on the activity report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion continued regarding the timing of the Public Library Board meetings. Follow-up is planned for the May meeting. Member comments and questions may also be emailed to the Library Board Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented an overview of the Library website (hcplc.org) activity in 2024. There were 2,457,073 total website visits in 2024 and page views were 4,338,204. Website use continues to increase with over 60 percent being mobile access.

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners has reappointed Jessica Ocasio to serve on the Public Library Board for another term representing District 3.

Minutes from the March 27, 2025 meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

State Aid to Libraries appears likely to be included in this year's budget. We have seen no impacts yet from recent actions to IMLS.

The Library's Discover Pass program is now back up and running on a new platform.

Jan Platt Library Branch Manager, Jennifer Brown, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is Thursday, May 22, 2025 starting 4pm at Seffner-Mango Branch Library.