

September Minutes

September 15, 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Wayne Williams, President; Sara Irish, Vice President; Donna LaFrance, Trustee; Toni Craig, Trustee; Joseph Colón, Trustee

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees: Wayne Williams, President; Sara Irish, Vice President; Donna LaFrance, Trustee; Joseph Colón, Trustee; and Toni Craig; Trustee

Tacoma Public Library Director & Assistant Director: Kate Larsen, Director; Amita Lonial; Assistant Director

Tacoma Public Library Staff: Sam Benscoter, Rodney Croston, Zac Matthews, Mariesa Bus, and Latasha Ware

Berk Consulting Team: Brian Murphy, Vivien Savath, Susan Kent, and Jonathan Morales

One member of the public attended the virtual September 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was held as a virtual zoom meeting. President Wayne Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Director Larsen acknowledged and celebrated Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At approximately 5:37 p.m., President Wayne Williams invited fellow board members and meeting participants to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 21059

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Board Meeting – Approval
2. Financial Report for July 2021 and August 2021 – Approval
3. HR Report for July 2021 and August 2021– Approval
4. Library Services Report for July 2021 and August 2021 – Approval

Resolved, the board approved Consent Items 1- 4, as presented. **Moved, seconded, and passed**

Moved, seconded, and passed

RESOLUTION 21067: Resolved, That the Board does hereby NOMINATE Sara Irish as President of the Board of Trustees per the Tacoma Public Library – Rules and Regulations – Annual Meeting - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT

Moved, seconded, and passed

RESOLUTION 21068: Resolved, That the Board does hereby ELECT Sara Irish as President of the Board of Trustees per the Tacoma Public Library - Rules and Regulations – Annual Meeting – ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT

Moved, seconded, and passed

RESOLUTION 21069: Resolved, That the Board does hereby NOMINATE Donna LaFrance, as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees per the Tacoma Public Library – Rules and Regulations – Annual Meeting - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS – VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved, seconded, and passed

RESOLUTION 21070: Resolved, That the Board does hereby ELECT Donna LaFrance, as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees per the Tacoma Public Library - Rules and Regulations – Annual Meeting – ELECTION OF OFFICERS – VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved, seconded, and passed

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Miscellaneous Updates**
 - Hartford Property Insurance challenges
 - Washington Cares Act
 - Path Out of the Pandemic / Vaccine Mandate
- **2022-2023 Budget Planning**
 - Fire, Library, other City of Tacoma Capital Bond consultant funding request
- **2021 Director Evaluation**
 - HR Manager Rodney Croston will be leading the process
- **Mark your calendars:**
- Regular Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays:
 - October 20
 - November 17
 - December 15
- Library Board of Trustees *Study Session*, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays:
 - November 6 (Director Review)
- Tacoma Reads Marquee Event with Author Isabel Wilkerson, hosted by Mayor Woodards, 3 p.m. Saturday, November 13 (Zoom; pre-registration required)
- Feasibility Study presentation to Community, Vitality, and Safety Council Committee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 28

TRUSTEES REPORT

- **Joseph Colón, Trustee:** NA