



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
Ruskin Branch Library  
April 23, 2026

Members Present: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Jessica Ocasio (Secretary), Ami Marie Granger Welch, Phyllis

Member(s) Absent: Michael Newett, Carmen Alvarez (Vice Chair), and Abigail StClair.

Staff Present: Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Julio Granda, Frank Colia, Janet Marnatti, Martin Gonzalez and Michelle Michaud.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

Minutes from the March 26, 2026 meeting were approved as amended.

The Library's Fiscal 2026 Budget report dated March 31, 2026 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding promotional activities, training and travel, rentals and leases, professional services budget categories as well as the passports program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS—None.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ruskin Branch Library leadership, Michelle Michaud, Branch Manager was introduced.

For a second time the Library hosted "An Evening with Johnnie Christmas: Learn to Draw Characters in Motion" kids drawing workshop with the award winning graphic novelist and New York Times bestselling author. The event was held on April 8, 2026 at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library courtesy of the Friends of the Jimmie B. Keel Library.

New ownership at Citrus Park Mall has approached the Library about reopening the mall public library space.

Port Tampa Library is planned for reopening at the end of this summer 2026.

Staff presented an overview of the library's safety and security program.

The Library Board bid farewell to outgoing members Robert Argus (District 2) and Abigail StClair (District 1).

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is Thursday, May 28, 2026 starting 4pm at North Tampa Branch Library.