



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Lutz Branch Library

March 26, 2026

Members Present: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Jessica Ocasio (Secretary), Ami Marie Granger Welch, Phyllis Alpert, Abigail StClair, Mary Kate Downing, and Bob Argus.

Member(s) Absent: Michael Newett, Alicia Guy, Liz Hawley and Carmen Alvarez (Vice Chair).

Staff Present: Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Lyn Begraft, Julio Granda, Allie Brazis, Frank Colia, Janet Marnatti, Martin Gonzalez, Kristen Sundberg, Jennie Grubb, Gregory Foster and Lauren Levy and Ellen Mizio.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

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

The Library's Fiscal 2026 Budget report for January 2026 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding database use statistics and the branch activity report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Board members reported their efforts to advocate for the Library concerning property tax reform.

NEW BUSINESS—None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lutz Branch Library leadership were introduced: Kristen Sundberg (Branch Manager) and Lauren Levy (Public Service Regional Manager).

Library employee, Latasha Harrison, has been selected to receive the County HR's annual Excellence in Action Awards.

Additional Go Pros were added to the collection and are now available for borrowing in time for Spring/Summer travel.

The Library is relaunching Teen Advisory Boards (otherwise known as TAAB). Two teens from each branch will be selected to attend virtual meetings and learn the inner workings of the Library system, including attending a Library Board meeting. Those who complete the program earn 100 service hours.

Information regarding the Library's Sensory Friendly Initiative was presented by Gregory Foster, Assistant Branch Manager for John F. Germany Library, who developed the project as part of the Sunshine State Library Leadership program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is Thursday, April 23, 2026 starting 4pm at Ruskin Library.