



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Town 'N Country Regional Library

September 25, 2025

Members Present: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Liz Hawley (Secretary), Curtis Brown, Bob Argus, Phyllis Alpert, Mary Kate Downing, Jessica Ocasio, Abigail StClair, Alicia Guy and Michael Newett.

Members Absent: Carmen Alvarez (Vice Chair) and Ami Marie Granger Welch.

Staff Present: Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Jasmine Qronfleh, Frank Collia, Allie Brazis, Janet Marnatti, Hetalben Patel, Melissa Falvey, Martin Gonzalez, Joe O'Sullivan, Amanda Kane.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT--None

Minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting were approved.

The Library's Fiscal 2025 Budget reports for June, July and August were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding RFID equipment in the character 60 budget; Professional services—licenses and leased books; Training; Materials Selection; and Passport services.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Mardirosian called for one additional volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will meet right before the regular Library Board meeting on October 23, 2025.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Library Director, Chely Cantrell, made some opening remarks. She is in the process of touring all library locations and meeting with public service staff.

Staff presented an overview and answered questions regarding the Library's passport application acceptance services at select locations. Systemwide 11,000 applications have been processed since the inception of the program. Fees for the passport book or card are set by the State Department Passport office.

Staff brought back a summary of the number of materials checked out that are in lost item status.

The Summer Reading program was successful with over 31,000 attending activities offered and resulting in a substantial increase in materials circulation over the summer.

There was a briefing concerning the recent Doge review followed by discussion of the Storytime program at Jimmie B. Keel Library. There was also discussion regarding the co-location of Town 'N Country Regional Library with other county services such as the senior center, Parks and Recreation in a multi-service complex.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is Thursday, October 23, 2025 starting 4pm at 78th Street Community Library.