

Yakima Valley Libraries
Board of Trustees
Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday, November 19, 2025– 3:30 p.m.
Yakima Central Library Boardroom

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Board Member Present: President Bradley Liebrecht, Vice-President Jameson Watkins, Secretary Mary MacKintosh, Trustee Judith Panagakos, Trustee Noemi Yaneli Sanchez

Staff Present: Executive Assistant- Michael Huff, Public Library Services Director- Francisco Garcia-Ortiz, Regional Library Manager, Region 1- Kristine Tardiff, Regional Library Manager, Region 2- Heather Campbell, Community Engagement & Impact Manager- Sully Gama, IT Manager- Melissa Vickers, Facilities Manager- Susan Miller, Public Services Manager- Rondi Downs, Technical Services & NWRR Manager -Sherrie Prentice, Human Resources Manager- Maria Hernandez, Accounting Manager- Lucia Nesta-Espinoza, Collection Development & Circulation Manager- LeNee Gatton

Absent: Executive Director- Candelaria Mendoza

Visitors: Community members in person

Call to Order

Trustee Liebrecht called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

- a. Determination of quorum
Trustee Liebrecht determined a quorum of the Trustees was present.
- b. Recognition of visitors:
Visitors were recognized.
- c. Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Trustee Liebrecht moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Panagakos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Review the 2026 Budget

(Page 1) Nesta-Espinoza presented the final budget information to the Board. For additional context, the budget public hearing packet and PowerPoint slides are available for reference at the Yakima Central Library. The page numbers reflected are in the PowerPoint.

Trustee Liebrecht inquired whether the funds allocated for the YVL App project were sufficient. Nesta-Espinoza said the exact amount wasn't known, but that a budget amendment would be made in 2026 if necessary.

(Page 3) Next, she presented the 2026 Tax Base and commented that YVL submitted the W9 for the Carnegie Library Grant, which should be received around Thanksgiving.

(Pages 4 and 5) On the estimated revenue for 2026, she informed the Board on YVL's property taxes and contract cities, except for the City of Tieton, as they decided not to renew their contract with YVL. Granger, Mabton, and Naches, however, renewed their contracts with a three-year phased approach, which results in a total revenue of \$174,403.15 in 2026. She then addressed donations, grants, investment, and miscellaneous line items.

(Page 6) The majority of YVL's estimated revenue comes from taxes in addition to the carry forward funds and deferred maintenance.

(Page 7 and 8) She communicated that salary and wages in addition to benefits are the largest portion of the budget, and presented a graph to show the total expenses in 2026.

(Page 9) YVL has carry forward funds from the project in the 04 account, but there is little activity as far as capital projects go except for the LED light installation at West Valley and Selah and the security camera replacement. Nesta-Espinoza said the most significant capital project in 2026 are the LCIP projects.

(Pages 10 and 11) Nesta-Espinoza said the only other grant YVL is applying for in 2026 is the wellness grant through WCIF, which provides staff a way to work on their health and YVL with a 4% saving on total insurance costs.

Trustee Liebrecht thanked the team for all of their hard work this year to keep the budget on track and finished in time.

III. Public Input

The public did not have input to share.

IV. Closing Comments

There weren't any comments made.

V. Adjournment

Trustee Liebrecht ended the meeting ahead of schedule and had everyone reconvene at 4:30 for the regular meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee MacKintosh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President Liebrecht adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary MacKintosh

Secretary