Yakima Valley Libraries
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2026– 3:30 p.m.
Yakima Central Library Boardroom

I. **OPENING OF MEETING:**
Board Member Present: President Bradley Liebrecht, Vice-President Jameson Watkins, Trustee Noemi Yaneli Sanchez, Trustee Victor DeLong

Staff Present: Executive Director-Candelaria Mendoza, Executive Assistant – Michael Huff, Library Services Director-Francisco Garcia-Ortiz, Regional Library Manager Region 1- Jason Stieber, Regional Library Manager Region 2- Heather Campbell, Facilities Manager-Susan Miller, IT Manager-Melissa Vickers, Technical Services & NWRR Manager -Sherrie Prentice, Public Services Manager- Rondi Downs, Human Resources Manager – Maria Hernandez, Accounting Manager-Lucia Nesta-Espinoza

Absent:, Secretary Judith Panagakos, Community Engagement & Impact Manager- Sully Gama, Collection Development & Circulation Manager- LeNee Gatton

Visitors:

Call to Order

Trustee Liebrecht called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

a. Determination of quorum
Trustee Liebrecht determined a quorum of the Trustees was present.

b. Recognition of visitors
No visitors

c. Approval of the agenda

President Liebrecht approved the agenda.

II. **Public Comment**
N.A.

III. **Consent Agenda**
The consent agenda is a grouping of ongoing regular items that are presented to the Trustees for approval. Any of the items can be broken out and questions may be asked at any time regarding any of the items:

a. Approval of minutes
b. Approval of financial statements
c. Approval of payroll and benefits
d. Approval of accounts payable vouchers
e. Unaudited Financials: Community Libraries and Department

MOTION: Trustee Watkins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda to include the March 23, 2026, regular minutes, March financial statements, March General Fund to include Payroll and Benefits warrants, March Accounts Payable warrants, and March Unaudited Financials. Trustee DeLong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

YAKIMA VALLEY LIBRARIES
CONNECTING PEOPLE AND IDEAS

Summary of Warrants Disbursed

March 2026 Warrants for Trustee Approval

General Fund

Payroll Warrants

322245			$	1,648.56
322246	to	322253	$	124,770.15
Direct Deposit ACH Transfer to Key Bank			$	124,767.19
Direct Deposit ACH Transfer to Key Bank			$	125,078.48
ACH Payments to Dept of Retirement 3/10/2026			$	20,423.23
ACH Payments to DSHS 3/10/2026			$	-
ACH Payments to AW Rehn FSA3/10/2026			$	813.01
ACH Payments to IRS (PR Taxes) 3/10/2026			$	36,667.69
ACH Payments to Dept of Retirement 3/25/2026			$	20,153.46
ACH Payments to DSHS 3/25/2026			$	-
ACH Payments to IRS (PR Taxes) 3/25/2026			$	34,333.02
ACH Payments to AW Rehn FSA 3/25/2026			$	876.17
Total Payroll and Benefits			$	**489,530.96**

Accounts Payable Warrants

88213	to	88254	$	90,870.91
88255	to	88292	$	78,435.68
			$	-
Total AP Warrants			$	169,306.59
Total Warrants Disbursed General Fund			$	**658,837.55**

IV. Director's Report

Information

Mendoza shared that Community Engagement & Impact Manager, Sully Gama, has been collaborating with partners in the Yakima Valley who work with school districts. She attended a conference in connection to these relationships, where she was invited to apply for a federal grant ranging from $375,000 to $750,000 to support literacy campaigns. There is a lot more information to come. If YVL decides to move forward, the application will be submitted June 9th.

V. Old Business

a. Services and Facilities Assessment: Potential LCIP Proposals

Information/Action

Mendoza reiterated the LCIP project overview and priorities for the Central, Selah, and West Valley libraries. YVL has officially entered into its LCIP contract for Central, with a timeline from September 2026 to March 2027 to finish the final project to install the elevator. Regarding asbestos abatement, it was asked whether the work would disrupt the library. Mendoza assured the Board that the areas would be sealed off and safe, and that they would not affect public services.

In an update on the contract cities, she told the Board that she recently met with the City of Mabton. They have a one-year contract with YVL and have asked for a couple of months to engage with their community about resources. There is another meeting scheduled on May 12th with the Granger City Council to learn more details about the state funding they received, with the support of Representative Gloria Mendoza.

For the 2027 to 2029 projects at Selah and West Valley, she said the application has been submitted. Mendoza informed the Board that she increased the submitted budget amount for Selah after learning more about LEED certification. In addition to the library being less than 5,000sqft., YVL is no longer required to have the budget equal ½ of the assessed value. This additional amount allows YVL to add a new circulation desk to the project list as originally planned. She added that the total final budget for both libraries was still under 1.6M, as originally communicated to the Board. Next, it will go to the evaluation committee, which will review and recommend projects for the Governor's budget in December of 2026.

For more information, the slides to this presentation can be found at the Central Library Boardroom in the Board Packet Binder.

VI. New Business

a. Mobile Services Presentation

Information

Public Services Manager, Rondi Downs, presented on Mobile and Outreach Services. She informed the Board how these services empower people, connect and serve communities, and establish connections between YVL and other organizations. When talking about offering VR programs at senior housing facilities, Downs said that she could arrange to have a station set up at the library for any of the Trustees who were interested to try it. She then shared new locations where the Bookmobile will go and the longevity of the Bookmobile and Outreach van. She reiterated that the goal is to continue to build relationships and trust and to reach communities and organizations with library resources.

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VII. Adjournment

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

President Liebrecht adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Next Meeting Will Be
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
Yakima Central Library Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Panagakos

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Secretary