

Sno-Isle Libraries

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees

Rose Olson, *President* · Paul Ryan, *Vice President* · Jennifer DePrey, *Secretary* · Michael Adams · Kay Crull · Griselda Guevara-Cruz · Susan Kostick

Executive Director

Eric Howard

April 28, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Sno-Isle Libraries Service Center

Call to Order

President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed by a land acknowledgment.

Attendees

Members present: Rose Olson, Michael Adams, Kay Crull, Jennifer DePrey, Susan Kostick, and Paul Ryan.

Members present via videoconference: Griselda Guevara-Cruz.

President Olson confirmed quorum.

Staff present: Barb Adams, Melinda Armstrong, Michelle Callihan, David Durante, Baha Farkish, Bryan Gabehart, Casey Gabehart, Sonia Gustafson, Cassie Hanson Eric Howard, Meredith Kraft, Diane Lai, Janella Lewis, and Chy Ross.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Ryan moved the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Eric Howard highlighted information from the Executive Director's report and thanked staff and Trustees for their participation in the annual staff in-service day, SILCON. Executive Director Howard also remarked on the recent successful outcomes at the state legislature for the Lake Stevens Library and Mariner Community Campus capital projects.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- b) Approval of the March 2025 payroll, benefits, and vouchers

Trustee DePrey moved the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments to the Board.

Sno-Isle Libraries

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees

Rose Olson, *President* · Paul Ryan, *Vice President* · Jennifer DePrey, *Secretary* · Michael Adams · Kay Crull · Griselda Guevara-Cruz · Susan Kostick

Executive Director

Eric Howard

New Business

Summer Reading Program Preview

Community Libraries Director Diane Lai presented research that affirms the critical role public libraries play in providing equitable learning opportunities to school-aged children during the summer months. Assistant Director of Community Libraries Michelle Callihan previewed the 2025 program strategy, promotional plan, and logistics.

Finance Report

April Financial Update

Finance Director Janella Lewis presented the April 2025 financial report.

Committee and Trustees' Reports

President's Report

President Olson reported on the following:

- The Monroe Library incident in March, which was the subject of a Sno-Isle Libraries Employees United comment at the April 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. President Olson described library staff as the District's most valuable asset, thanked them for sharing their concerns, and commended staff for their work serving communities.
- The formation of the ad-hoc Trustees Nominating Committee. Committee membership will be announced at the May 27 regular meeting.
- The initiation of planning work for the 2025 Board of Trustees retreat.

Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Liaison Report

Trustee Ryan reported on the work of the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation:

- The Foundation's participation in the annual fundraising campaign Library Giving Day, resulting in \$75,000 of contributions.
- The upcoming Give Big event, a statewide fundraising campaign in support of Washington State nonprofits, on May 5 and 6.
- A progress update on the development of the Foundation's new strategic plan,

Adjournment

Trustee Ryan moved to adjourn the April 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees. The motion passed. President Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Rose Olson

President

Jennifer DePrey

Secretary