



Lacey Library Board Meeting Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Executive Board Room and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Desy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Sharla Desy, Vice Chair Oz Annwn, Board Members Jade Sierra, Pat Taviss, and Lacey Youth Council Representative Luka Froehlich

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Board Member Pamela Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: Lacey Library Manager Kristina Hancock, City Clerk Elissa Fontaine (remote), and Deputy City Clerk Brandy Legomina

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Desy presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Annwn moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Sierra seconded. The motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of January 15, 2026

Vice Chair Annwn moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2026. Board Member Taviss seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Sally Fitzgerald, co-president of the Friends of Lacey Library, commented in person that remodeling the library is not practical under current economic conditions and would keep the library closed for too long.

7. Agenda Items

A. Introduction of New Board Members

Sharla Desy, Chair

Board Members Sierra and Taviss introduced themselves to the Board. The Board welcomed the newly appointed Library Board Members.

B. Library Manager's Report

Kristina Hancock, Library Manager

Library Manager Hancock presented the January–March 2026 report, which included updates on Timberland Regional Library's (TRL) budget challenges and planned cost reductions. TRL is facing a budget shortfall due to rising costs outpacing property tax revenue. This led the Board of Trustees to approve of staff reductions and accept the resignation of Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director. Interviews for potential Executive Director interims will be conducted at the April 18 retreat. While the Board of Trustees remains focused on maintaining services, some library hours and service levels may change, including reduced hours at Hawks Prairie beginning May 15. Library programs and those supported by the Friends fund were reviewed, and checkout statistics for the Lacey and Hawks Prairie libraries reviewed. Discussion ensued.

C. Good of the Order

Sharla Desy, Chair

There was no further business or discussion for the Good of the Order.

8. Adjourn

Chair Desy adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Approved June 18, 2026.