



**New Orleans Public Library**  
Board Meeting  
Nora Navra Conference Room  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
4:30 p.m.

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**\*PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL\***

**AGENDA**

- I. **Call to Order** — (Board Chair, Dana Henry, 1 minute)
- II. **Roll Call** — (Executive Assistant Tammy Hanson, 1 minute)
- III. **Action Item: Approval of Consent Agendas** — (Dana Henry, 2 minutes)  
Public Comment  
A. Approve November 12, 2024 board meeting minutes
- IV. **Action Item: Approve Fund Reserve Balance** – (Michel Thompson, 3 minutes)  
Public Comment
- V. **Information Items**  
A. Friends of NOPL – (Shannan Cvitanovic, 5 minutes)  
B. Director’s Update - (Emily Painton, 5 minutes)  
C. Financials Update – (Michel Thompson, 5 minutes)
- VI. **Discussion Items**  
A. Review of the 2025 Budget – (Michel Thompson, 5 minutes)  
B. How to Address Long-standing Facilities Challenges – (All, 5 minutes)  
C. Aligning Strategic Plan Pillars with Budget Expenditures – (Andrea Neighbours, 5 minutes)

D. Determining a Baseline Target for the Emergency Fund – (Michel Thompson– 3 minutes)

A. Widerstand – (Shukrani Gray, 10 minutes)

VII. **Attachments**

A. Board Packet

VIII. **Adjournment**

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