

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Kevin McNeil	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>absent</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

It was noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

The meeting was opened to public comment. There being no public comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

Iris motioned to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting. NBC seconded and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of July. The financial reports were filed for audit.

January highlighted various aspects of the narrative section of her monthly report. She noted that:

- One thousand, forty-five people attended 129 programs held at the library and the branch during the last month.
- All three (adult, teen, children) library summer reading programs continued into the middle of August.
- There were even more programs than usual for teens during the summer.
- January, Nick and the Mayor were among the participants at the ground breaking for the Youth Center on August 15.

President's Report:

Nick submitted a written report updating the board on various issues concerning the Lewis Street Community Youth Center and the new southern branch. Of particular note was the determination letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection confirming the absence of freshwater wetlands on the Board of Education property under consideration. Nick and January are scheduled to meet with the Board of Education on September 24.

Correspondence and communications:

"Back Talk: Declare Funding Independence," *Library Journal* article, May 2019
"The inner Lives of Book Clubs," *Publishers Weekly* article, May 2019
"Mass Appeal," *Library Journal* article, June 2019

A brief discussion of library funding followed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Various ways to acknowledge library staff were discussed. No consensus was reached and the discussion was tabled.

The meeting was opened to public comment. Anne Taylor asked about the final disposition of donated books for the library's book sales. January responded that they are either sold to a used book vendor or recycled.

The meeting was closed to public comments.

The **next meeting** will be September 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

NBC motioned to adjourn the meeting and Iris seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

January Adams

Director of Library Services