

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
This meeting was videotaped.

Vice President Tom Lennon 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>excused</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>ill</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>present</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>present</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.

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting with the correction that Tom Lennon was present and not absent. Kevin seconded and all were in favor.

**Director's Report:**

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

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

- One thousand, six hundred and three people attended 102 programs held at the library and the branch during the last month. Of particular note was Brian Armstrong's talk on September 23 about his book titled *The Franklin Park Tragedy*.
- The Outreach and Young Adult librarians attended Back to School nights at the township's middle schools.
- Staff members worked at the library table at the township's annual Franklin Day festival on September 28.
- The next summer reading program theme will be based on a fairy tale/mythology/fantasy theme.
- During October, there was a cross-department display of Jacqueline Woodson's children's teen and adult books. The Literacy Alliance of New Jersey is sponsoring Ms. Woodson's October 16 statewide education program titled *Reading = Hope X Change*.

**President's Report:**

None

**Correspondence and communications:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Ed motioned to approve the proposed 2020 library holiday closings. Nick seconded and all were in favor.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a) Property negotiation
3. The Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by Kevin and seconded by Agnes. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:49 p.m.

Nick motioned to close Executive Session, Agnes seconded, all were in favor and the board reopened the meeting to the public at 6:08 p.m.

Kevin motioned to authorize January to have an architect create a southern library branch concept plan, perhaps including some engineering issues if necessary. Ed seconded and all were in favor.

**Public Comment (part 2)**

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

The **next meeting** will be November 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting and Agnes seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services