

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick stated that the virtual meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

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>present</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Nick turned the meeting over to Parliamentarian January Adams who asked if there were any nominations for the position of President. Iris nominated Nick and Kevin seconded. January asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, she asked for a vote. All were in favor. She stated that Nick had been elected President.

January then asked for nominations for the position of Vice President/Treasurer. Nick nominated NBC and Agnes seconded. January asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, she asked for a vote. All were in favor and she stated that NBC had been elected Vice President/Treasurer.

Finally, January asked for nominations for the position of Secretary. Nick nominated Iris and Kevin seconded. January asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, she asked for a vote. All were in favor and she stated that Iris has been elected Secretary.

Congratulations were offered to the new officers.

Iris motioned to open the meeting to public comment. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the December 22 meeting. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

Kevin motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on December 27. Ed seconded and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

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

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

- The Adult Services Department had scheduled 23 adult programs that 387 people attended. The Youth Services Department held 13 programs that were enjoyed by 70 people
- All three winter reading programs are underway and will conclude on February 28.
- A pre-construction meeting was held on January 14. Thus far, all participants have exhibited quick turnaround times for their portions of the project. Vince Dominach's participation has been invaluable and much appreciated.
- Staff were finally permitted to start bringing materials to the Lewis Street branch location, although there has been no word on when the building will open.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

- “Contract Awarded for Construction of Library’s Southern Branch,” *Franklin Reporter and Advocate*, December 27, 2021
- “Honoring the Core,” Editorial, *Library Journal*, December 2021
- “Keeping the Flame of Freedom Alive,” by Mark L. Clifford, *Publishers Weekly*, December 13, 2021

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Iris noted how pleased she was that a staff member had asked about a frequent library visitor who the staff member had not seen in the library recently.

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 NBC and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Kevin motioned to leave the executive session and Tianna seconded. All were in favor and the session was ended at 6:10.

Nick stated that during the executive session lease negotiations with the library’s landlord at the Franklin Park branch were discussed.

The meeting was opened for the second of two public comment opportunities. There being no members of the public who wished to speak, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be February 23, 2022 via Zoom.

Ed motioned to adjourn, Nick seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12.

January Adams
Director of Library Services