

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:50 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 opened the meeting to public comment. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to public comments. Kevin motioned to approve the minutes of the April 27 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 April. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- Construction on the foundation of the southern branch is well along. Two aerial photographs of the site that were taken by the library's drone on May 17 were included in board packets.
- The Adult Services Department had scheduled 27 adult programs that 404 people attended.
- May 9 marked the start of the Outdoor Spring Scavenger Hunt.
- January had attended the remarkable Grand Opening of the Franklin Township Youth Center and enjoyed it very much.
- The library has paid the township \$462,000 to cover the cost of having a branch in the Youth Center.

President's Report:

Although he was unable to attend the Youth Center's Grand Opening event, Nick had been able to visit the branch later in the week.

Correspondence and communications:

- "In Praise of Public Libraries," by Vinod k. Jain, *Mensa Bulletin*, Apr/May 2022.
- "White House Historical Association Marks 60 Years of Publishing," by Sophia Stewart, *Publishers Weekly*, May 2, 2022
- NJ Pub Libs Guidance on Remote Public Meetings from DLGS, May 13, 2022
- Russian bombing of libraries in Ukraine

Old Business:

None

New Business:

January presented the proposed FY22/23 library budget and recommended that the projected surplus of \$574,065 be moved into the library's capital projects fund for future improvements including replacement of the gallery roof, the

purchase of new HVAC units to replace the aging roof top units, and the reconfiguration of the west wing of the library.

Ed motioned to approve the proposed FY22/23 library budget for \$3,837,049. Iris seconded.

Roll Call vote:

Kevin McNeil	yes	Nicholas Ciampa	yes	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	yes
Iris Kislin	yes	Edward Ward	yes	Tianna Gresham	yes
Agnes Kulu-Banya	yes				

Nick opened the meeting to public comment. Bill Bowman of the *Franklin Reporter and Advocate* asked how he could get a copy of the library budget. January suggested he stop by the library where she would leave him a copy. There being no other comments, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be June 22, 2022 via Zoom.

Kevin motioned to adjourn, NBC seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:08.

January Adams
Director of Library Services