

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 22, 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>excused</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>excused</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Nick opened the meeting to public comment. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to public comments. Iris motioned to approve the minutes of the May 25 meeting. Kevin seconded and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

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

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

- Construction of the foundation and flooring of the southern branch has been completed and the project is on schedule. One aerial photograph of the site that was taken by the library's drone on June 14 was included in board packets.
- The Adult Services Department had scheduled 32 adult programs that 255 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 20 programs attended by 255 people.
- The library had a table at the first of four Franklin Days. Staff spoke to approximately 45 people about library services.
- The library's first Summer Reading Kick-Off was held on June 22. The DeMott and Franklin Park events will follow on June 23.
- The library has added the Newark Museum of Art to its museum pass program.

President's Report:

None.

Correspondence and communications:

"If Publishers have Their Way, Libraries' Digital Options Will See major Cuts," by Kyle K. Courtney, *The Hill*, May 24, 2022. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

None

New Business

None

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) Personnel
- 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 Ed. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. at which time Kevin motioned to increase the director’s salary by 5% to \$139,500 annually and to include a one-time bonus of \$1500. Nick seconded.

Roll Call vote:

Kevin McNeil	yes	Nicholas Ciampa	yes	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	yes
Iris Kislin	yes	Edward Ward	yes		

January thanked the board for its support.

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The next meeting will be August 24, 2022 via Zoom.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Ed seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

All present thanked Ed Ward for his service to the board, stated that he had been a pleasure to work with, and wished him well in his retirement from the Franklin Township BOE.

Ed will be in contact with January in July to give her information about his replacement.

January Adams
Director of Library Services