

# LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Recorded virtual meeting

Director January Adams called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

January 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>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>excused</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>excused</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>absent</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

### Nomination and Election of Officers:

Kevin nominated Nick for president. Iris seconded. There were no other nominations and all were in favor. Nick nominated Iris for secretary. Kevin seconded. There were no other nominations and all were in favor. Nick nominated NBC for Vice President/Treasurer. Iris seconded. There were no other nominations and all were in favor.

Congratulations were offered to the new officers.

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 December 28, 2022 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 December. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- All three (adult, teen and children) winter reading programs were still in progress. So far, 51 adults had logged in 22,771 minutes, 45 teens have signed up, and 64 children had read for 14,598 minutes.
- The Adult Services Department held 43 adult programs that 487 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 49 in-house programs and 2 virtual programs that 1,210 people attended.
- Highlights of the construction on the new southern branch included the installation of sheet rocking, light fixtures, the roof insulation and the vapor barrier.

### President's Report:

Franklin Park branch construction proceeding. Crew is still waiting for the windows to be delivered.

### Correspondence and communications:

- "This Year I'm Thankful for US Public Libraries – Beautiful Icons of a Better Civic Era," by Moira Donegan, *Guardian US*, December 28, 2022.

A brief discussion of this article followed. Board members cited the thrust of the article that public libraries would probably not have been created and enshrined in today's world.

### **Old Business:**

January updated the board on her research into a remedy for dealing with the problems caused by the current gallery roof. She met with a representative of Kalwall on January 18 and was interested in finding out if this system could be an answer. A Kalwall roof system was indicated in the original plans for the current building but that system was replaced by SuperSky because of budget issues.

January stated that she thought a small reception to acknowledge Iris's A/V donation to Lewis Street would be a good idea. Board members were asked if there were any dates or times that they were not available. Iris was asked to talk to her family members and then contact January with a date and time.

### **New Business:**

None

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

**The next meeting** will be February 22, 2023 via Zoom.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services