

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:52 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>excused</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>absent</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>absent</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.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting with the corrected date. Mayor Kramer 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:

- The temporary relocation of Franklin Park staff members to the main library allowed staff to complete many projects and have staff available to fill in for vacationing or sick staff members.
- FTPL is one of four libraries selected to host beginner ESL classes.
- The Adult Services Department held 41 adult programs that 434 people attended. The Youth Services Department held 45 in-person programs for 1,390 people.
- Baker & Taylor has continued to have problems manifesting themselves in various disruptions to service.
- The FP branch has passed all of its final inspections and we are waiting for CO to be issued.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

- "Judge Rules Against IA Open Library," by Matt Enis, *Library Journal*, May 2023.
- "Illinois Bill Ties Library Funding to Anticensorship," by Bob Warburton, *Library Journal*, May 2023.
- "AI Is Not the Answer," by Steven Hutson, *Publishers Weekly*, May 8, 2023.
- "Going in Reverse, by Robert Dahlin, *Publishers Weekly*, May 22, 2023.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

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
 - b) Litigation
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 6:03 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 6:27 p.m at which time Mayor Kramer motioned to increase the director’s salary by 4.5% to \$146,200 annually. Iris seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Nicholas Ciampa	<i>yes</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>yes</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>yes</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>yes</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>yes</i>		

January thanked the board for its support.

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The next meeting will be August 28, 2023 via Zoom.

Iris motioned to adjourn and Mayor Kramer seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services