

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:45 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>excused</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>present</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.

Iris motioned to approve the minutes of the August 23 regular meeting and September 18 special 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 August. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- The board awarded a competitive bid contract to All Action Architectural Metal & Glass for an amount not to exceed \$1,769,678 at a special meeting on September 18, 2023. The contract was reviewed by the library's attorney with no comments and was signed by Nick Ciampa on September 19, 2023
- The new Franklin Park branch building received a TCO and held a soft opening on September 12, 2023. The grand opening is scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- The Adult Services Department held 38 adult programs that 562 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 30 in-house programs that 1,439 people attended.
- All of the summer reading programs have ended. Ninety-one teens read for 1,434 hours; 303 children read for 186,102 minutes; and 123 adults read for 134,880 minutes.
- On August 22, 50 patrons attended a program that the library co-hosted with the Franklin Township Environmental Commission titled *Protecting Our Watershed in Franklin Township*.

President's Report:

Hopeful that as many board members as possible will attend the Grand Opening.

Correspondence and communications:

- "The Battle Over Books," by Jacqueline Mroz, *New Jersey Monthly*, September 2023, p.33
- "Trade Secrets: The Challenges of Digital History," by Bethany Latham, *BookList*, September 1, 2023, p. 35

Old Business:

None

New Business

None

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The next meeting will be October 25 via Zoom.

Iris motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04.

January Adams
Director of Library Services