

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 25, 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>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>absent</i>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>present</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>excused</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		

January Adams *present*

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 September 28 meeting. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

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

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

- The grand opening of the Franklin Park branch was held on September 28. It was well attended. Guests included local politicians, the State Librarian, many staff members, and *The Franklin Reporter & Advocate*.
- Initial meetings have taken place for the library's upcoming ILS migration. The expected go live date is May 2024.
- The Adult Services Department held 45 adult programs that 467 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 41 in-house programs that 1,288 people attended. Of particular note was the visit on October 5 by three members of the Middlebush Fire Department who brought excitement and information to a crowd of 102 children and adults.
- The principal participants in the gallery roof replacement project have met and discussed scheduling and various logistical issues. March is still the intended start date of the project.

President's Report:

Nick will be contacting DPW to arrange for library signage directing people to the Franklin Park branch.

Correspondence and communications:

"New Franklin Park Library Branch Opens," *Franklin Reporter & Advocate Monthly Digest*, September 2023
"Book Bans Are Surging – and Taking an Emotional Toll on Many Authors," by Scottie Andrew, *CNN*, October 4, 2023

Old Business:

None

New Business

Kevin motioned to approve the proposed list of library closings for 2024 with the addition of Yom Kippur which falls on Saturday, October 12. NBC seconded. NBC, Nick, Iris, Kevin, and Agnes were in favor. Amy was not in favor. The motion was carried.

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The next meeting will be November 15 via Zoom.

Iris motioned to adjourn, NBC seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:17.

January Adams
Director of Library Services