

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Recorded hybrid meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick stated that the 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>excused</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>partial</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Nick opened the meeting to public comment. Stanislav Jaracz, who is a member of the Environmental Commission and the NJ Electric Vehicle Association, gave a detailed presentation and promotion about EV charging stations. Prior to the meeting, he had been provided with information and drawings of the Franklin Park branch. Mr. Jaracz's presentation was followed by a question and answer period, focusing on the differences between level 2 and level 3 chargers, costs, grants, placement of stations, safety of charging stations, current availability of charging stations in the state, and future aspirations for EVs and charging stations.

There being no other comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

Agnes motioned to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting. Kevin seconded. Mayor Kramer, Nick, Agnes, and Kevin were in favor.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of January. 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 had concluded. Fifty-nine adults, 52 teens, and 102 children had finished the challenge.
- The Adult Services Department held 45 adult programs that 556 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 33 programs that 1,089 people attended.
- The ILS migration is still running approximately six weeks ahead of schedule.
- The Galllery roof replacement project is now scheduled to start in early April and run through May. The Butterfly Garden roof will be done once the Gallery roof is completed.
- The library's annual Teen Online Poetry Jam will begin on March 22.
- The Franklin Park branch's programs are becoming increasingly popular. The branch also now has its own book club.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

- “Libraries and Loneliness,” by Hallie Rich, *Library Journal*, p. 5, February 2024
- “Hungry for Connection,” by Hallie Rich, *Library Journal*, p. 12, February 2024

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The 2022/2023 audit, which had previously been sent to board members, was discussed and accepted.

Nick opened the meeting for public comment. Amanda Decker, the Franklin Park Branch Manager, stated that she has been conducting many school visits and is pleased that the students have been enthusiastic and that some of them have returned to obtain library cards. There being no other comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

The next meeting will be March 27, 2024 via Zoom.

Mayor Kramer motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

January Adams
Director of Library Services