



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:35 PM, November 19, 2024. President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Present
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
Catrina Parker	President	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Absent
John Argenziano	Trustee	Absent
Ashlee Sang	Trustee	Absent

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report

President Parker noted that a new Board member was appointed, Ashlee Sang. She was unable to attend tonight but will be at December's meeting.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton shared that the Life Center for Independent Living presented the Library with an Advancing Community Access Award. Since Carol Torrens' retirement, the Library has hired Marcie Shaffer as her replacement as Adult Services Manager. Marcie has been a Librarian in the Adult Services Department for 18 years, and previously was the Youth Service Manager in Barrington.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is in the packet.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 6.A. Approve Minutes of 10/15/24: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of \$477,420.91

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Discussion of Library Levy Presentation and Approval of Any Necessary Adjustments

Director Hamilton stated that the City Council approved the Levy estimate.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve New Library Board Vice President

Trustee Hollister made a motion to nominate herself as new Library Board Vice President, seconded by Trustee Henry.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

Since Trustee Hollister was the current Library Board Secretary, nominations were invited for a new Library Board Secretary.

Trustee Chissell made a motion to nominate herself, seconded by Trustee McCormick, as new Library Board Secretary.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Approve Appointments to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board

The Library Board reviewed biographies from 5 potential Foundation Board Members. Director Hamilton shared that the Foundation Board bylaws call for at least eleven (11) and not more than fifteen (15) members. Due to recent resignations, the Foundation

Board currently has 9 board members. This means that the Library Board must appoint at least 2 new Foundation Board Members and may appoint up to 6 new Foundation Board Members. Director Hamilton also shared that Foundation Board President, Eliazar Mendiola, said he was working to bring forward additional names for consideration at the December Board Meeting. With this in mind, the Library Board expressed a desire to leave several seats open to allow for consideration of the additional names that will be presented at the December meeting and chose to appoint the three candidates with the strongest connections to the Bloomington Public Library. They requested that Director Hamilton ask the remaining two candidates to provide a little more information about their experience with the Bloomington Public Library as that was not readily apparent in their biographies.

Trustee Chissell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to approve the appointment of Jared Fuhler, Deb Halperin, and Robert Porter to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board, with terms to be determined at the December 17, 2024 Board meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

Discussion Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Discussion of Per Capita Grant Requirement

Director Hamilton reviewed portions of Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries.

Comments by Trustees

Trustees Chissell, Henry, and Hollister pointed out some cleaning and repair issues they have noticed throughout the Library. Trustee Hollister expressed her excitement over the list of books next year's History Book Club meetings. Trustee Hollister expressed interest in attending the Legislative Meetup Breakfast.

Adjournment

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 PM