



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

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:31 PM, March 19, 2024. President Julian Westerhout called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Catrina Parker	Trustee	Present
Matthew Watchinski	Trustee	Present
Van Miller	Trustee	Present, arrived at 5:34 PM
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present
Susan Mohr	Vice President	Present
Julian Westerhout	President	Present
Alicia Whitworth	Trustee	Absent
Dianne Hollister	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 Westerhout indicated that this is his penultimate report. He has heard from the City that one person has applied to be on the Library Board at this time. He asked that if any of the Board members know of someone who might be interested in serving on the Board, please encourage them to apply. He continues to hear from community members asking when the construction will be complete. People are very excited. He shared an email with Director Hamilton from someone who wants the Library to support an effort to better link the Library with the downtown area.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton shared that the Statements of Economic Interest should be coming soon and are due May 1, 2024. She indicated that staff are working to solidify moving plans since construction is nearing completion. The plan is for staff and furniture installers to do much of the work while the Library is open to the public with a limited amount of library closures. The idea is to consider summer a soft opening for the completed Library, with a celebration event at the end of summer. The Director offered to take Board members on a tour of the construction area after the meeting.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins thanked Director Hamilton for presenting the Fiscal Report in March. She noted that the current reports were 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 February 20, 2024: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting.

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of \$1,744,977.72

Trustee Parker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Watchinski, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce), 7-0.

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Approve Closing the Library on October 1, 2024 for Staff Development Day

Vice President Mohr made a motion, seconded by Trustee Parker, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce), 7-0.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve Transfer of Funds from the M & O Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund

Trustee Miller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Parker, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Westerhout; Trustee Mohr; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Miller; Trustee Parker; Trustee Watchinski

Motion carried, 7-0.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Approve Amnesty for Long Lost Items

Director Hamilton presented the proposal to waive fees for items that have been lost for five years or more. There was some discussion, including questions about historical data and thoughts that people in difficult and disadvantaged situations are impacted by these lost item fees the most.

Vice President Mohr made a motion, seconded by Trustee Parker, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Westerhout; Trustee Mohr; Trustee Miller; Trustee Parker; Trustee Watchinski

NAYS: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry

Motion carried, 5-2.

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Parker reminded the Board that the Director's review surveys are due back to her by March 26. The Budget & Personnel Committee meets on April 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM to review and discuss.

Adjournment

Trustee Miller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Parker, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce), 7-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 PM.