

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Flint Central A/B

Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

1026 E. Kearsley Street

Flint, MI 48503

Present: Heather Kale (President), Asa Zuccaro, (Vice President), Melissa Brown (Treasurer), Audrey Young-Muhammed (Secretary), Trustee Reta Stanley

Absent with Notification: Trustee Sheila Fulmore

Absent without Notification:

Staff: Ann Manko, Martita Moffett-Page, Kate Stockrahm, Janet O'Keefe, Jenny Jones, Tina Hayes, Sarah Brooks, Robert White, Leah Feimster, Regina Renee Nyégbeh, Angie Wesch, André Artis, Emanuel Johnson, Michél Valkoun; Cristen Jackson; Symantha Foreman

Public: 5

CALL TO ORDER

President Kale called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

- President Kale: **Present**
- Vice President Zuccaro: **Present**
- Treasurer Brown: **Present**
- Secretary Young-Muhammad: **Present (Remote)**
- Trustee Fulmore: **Absent**
- Trustee Stanley: **Present**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Stanley supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor requested that the public comment section of meetings be offered at the end of the meeting, so the public has an opportunity to respond to what comes up in the meeting itself. President Kale said Ms. Taylor's request would be considered.

SEMIFINALIST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Mallory Charette from Library IQ introduced the first candidate, Travis Givens, who appeared over Zoom. President Kale introduced the Board before questions began.

Travis Givens was interviewed by the Board, starting at 4:40 p.m. Givens completed his interview at 5:14 p.m.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes. Charette then introduced Rosalyn Winston.

Rosalyn Winston was interviewed by the Board, starting at 5:25 p.m. President Kale introduced the Board before questions began. Winston completed her interview at 6:01 p.m.

Treasurer Brown motioned to rescind her earlier motion to approve the meeting agenda and instead motion to approve the agenda with the amendment that Agenda Item #5 (Executive Director Search) and its subtopics occur between Ms. Winston's interview and Mr. Bell's interview and a second public comment time occur after the conclusion of Agenda Item #5. Trustee Stanley seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH (Kale)**• Date of Finalist Interviews**

President Kale called for potential dates for final interviews of the candidates. The Board collectively confirmed February 24 (with a 4 pm start at the earliest) and a back-up date of February 23. President Kale said she would confirm that Trustee Fulmore is also available on February 24 or February 23.

• Presentation Topic

President Kale asked the Trustees to consider possible presentation topics for Executive Director finalists. She read out a possible presentation topic from the last Executive Director search process: "The GCFPL is celebrating its 175th Anniversary, please prepare public comment (15-20 minutes) that celebrates the library's beginnings, incredible growth, and future where the library has emerged as a trusted partner in the community." Discussion ensued. President Kale asked Charette to provide three presentation topic options based on the theme of the prior presentation topic she had read aloud.

• Suggested Lines of Inquiry – Competencies

President Kale requested Board feedback on what questions/competencies should be addressed in final interviews in order to cover outstanding areas of opportunity for each candidate. Discussion ensued. Charette suggested the Board consider what the areas the Trustees wanted to hear more on from each candidate and develop 1-2 questions around those areas for each candidate. Trustee Stanley noted that she felt it best practice to ask the same questions of all candidates, noting that the Board had not really explored each candidate's ideas around the Board/Director relationship. Treasurer Brown agreed that Board relationship was important along with community engagement, fiscal responsibility,

and staff management. President Kale then asked Charette to return to the board with 5-7 questions covering the areas listed by Trustee Stanley and Treasurer Brown.

Additionally, President Kale shared a draft set of questions regarding the next Executive Director to be provided for community input. Discussion ensued. President Kale said she would send feedback to Charette for incorporation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor that the Board consider how to be a good neighbor to the Board of Education, thinking about the development to come nearby and potentially underground parking and beautiful landscaping. She also suggested the Library consider holding a community walk from the current building back to the site of its original building as part of the Library's 175th Celebration, and just generally including the community more in its planning processes.

Treasurer Brown motioned for a 15-minute recess. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stanley and approved by voice vote. President Kale called the meeting back to order at 6:54 p.m.

Charette then introduced Robert Bell.

Robert Bell was interviewed by the Board, starting at 6:56 p.m. President Kale introduced the Board before questions began. Bell completed his interview at 7:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kale called to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Treasurer Brown made a motion to adjourn. Vice President Zuccaro supported. Motion carried.


Board Secretary

