



BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting Minutes

LOCATION, DATE AND TIME:

Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503 – Harris Room
Thursday, August 4, 2022, 5:30 PM

Present: Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Larkin, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Kao

Staff: Kay Schwartz, Ashoka Rao, Rick Dunning, Diane M. O'Keefe, Leslie Acevedo, Matt Moyer

Members of Public: John Hemingway, Eric Palmer, Linda Bell, Norm Bryant

Call to Order: President Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Larkin made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kao supported. Motion carried.

Call to Public: The Board heard comments from the public on the following topics: (1) American Sign Language from Ms. Linda Bell for possible library programming; (2) Mr. Norm Bryant spoke about the Gloria Coles Initiative.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of July 7: Mr. Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kao supported. The motion was approved.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes or July 7: Mr. Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kao supported. The motion was approved.

Informational Presentation: Mr. Eric Palmer of the MMLC made an informational presentation about the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.

Ms. Stanley announced that there is an open position on the MMLC Board. We have an application for the position from Tanya Y. Jefferson. Her information is in the board packet.

Ms. Kao made a motion that Tanya Y. Jefferson be appointed to the open position on the MMLC board for a three year term beginning October 1, 2022. Ms. Jackson supported. The motion was approved.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: Mr. Larkin called on Director Schwartz. The Budget and Finance committee doesn't meet in July after the closing of the budget year. Ms. Schwartz updated the board on the budget and finance functions

and how they are being handled while the search for the new Director of Finance is progressing. The audit will be conducted mid-October.

Fundraising and PR Committee: Ms. Rao reported on the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Larkin reported on the meeting this month to fill the 3 positions that will be at the end of their term this September. Mr. Larkin moved that the Board recommend the appointment of Ms. Stanley to the Board of Education, and the appointment of Mr. Yeotis to the City of Flint. Ms. Kao supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Naming of the Library Update: Ms. Stanley announced that the Board had voted in July to rename the Library in honor of Gloria Coles provided she agreed to the renaming. Ms. Coles has informally indicated she will accept. She wishes to send a formal letter of acceptance. Once that letter is received, the matter will be brought to the City and the Board of Education for consideration of an amendment to the District Library Agreement changing the legal name.

Information Report on Meeting Room Guidelines and Use: Ms. Schwartz presented to the Board about the rules that we currently have in place for use of the meeting rooms.

Executive Director's Remarks: Ms. Schwartz announced that the door counts are averaging 632 people a day which is a 20 percent increase over our last open year of 2019. On September 1, a point of sale system will be installed at the Circulation desk, which will allow credit card acceptance.

Upcoming Activities: Ms. Acevedo announced that this Saturday is the Finale of the Summer Reading Program. She presented an early draft of the September October calendar. Blues on the Library Lawn will take place on the last Saturday in August.

Adjournment: Ms. Kao made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Stanley supported. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm. The next meeting will be on September 1.



Ms. Vivian Kao, Secretary