

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - VIRTUAL
MINUTES FROM MEETING JANUARY 24TH, 2022

Gemma Tansey, President
Mary Ellen Guarini, Vice President
Robin Donovan, Secretary
Anita LaSpina, Trustee

Tara Lannen-Stanton, Director
Jill Brennan Lessard, Admin Asst
Ralph Madalena, Attorney
ABSENT WITH NOTICE:
Sam Pinto, Trustee

- I. *Call to Order by President Gemma Tansey @ 2:03 p.m.*
- II. *The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.*
- III. *Approval of Minutes from 12/13/2021 was motioned by Trustee LaSpina, seconded by Trustee Donovan, and unanimously approved.**Trustee Guarini had not yet arrived.*
- IV. *Approval of Bills and Schedules 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, and 1241 – was motioned by Trustee LaSpina, seconded by Trustee Donovan, and unanimously approved.**Trustee Guarini had not yet arrived.*
- V. *Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person) – please refer to the meeting audio to be posted on the Library’s website for Public Comment.*
- VI. *Monthly Reports – November and December 2021 – the following reports were included in the Board Packet for review.*
 1. *Director’s Report*
 2. *Monthly Stats*
 3. *Updates on Current Projects*
 4. *Patron Services Department Reports*
 5. *Youth Services Department Reports*
 6. *Adult Services Librarians’ Reports*
- VII. *Old Business*
 1. *Design Advocates 1st Floor Redesign Presentation; Presentation, 20 minutes, Q&A, 10 minutes – The Design Advocates team (Jennifer, Michael Chen, and Alexandra Barker) shared their proposed vision of a redesigned first floor, explaining the thought processes that went into each component of their design and taking questions / receiving feedback from the Board.*
- VIII. *New Business*
 1. *Banning Jeffrey (Butch) Haber – After hearing from Library Staff as well as Mr. Haber regarding the events that led up to the ban request, the Board voted unanimously to enact a 3 year ban on Mr. Haber. Motioned by Trustee Guarini, seconded by Trustee LaSpina.*
 2. *Selection of Professional Services – This item was tabled at the request of Trustee Donovan.*
- IX. *Public Comment – all other items (limited to three minutes per person) – please refer to the meeting audio to be posted on the Library’s website for Public Comment.*
- X. *CSEA – there were no CSEA items*
- XI. *Personnel*
 1. *Merit Increase for Kim Dempsey, Payroll Clerk – the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2.425% merit increase proposed by the Director. Motioned by Trustee Guarini, seconded by Trustee LaSpina.*

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2. *Merit Increase for Jill Brennan Lessard* – this item was previously tabled on the Agenda.

XII. *Date and Time of Next Meeting is Monday, February 14th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.* – was motioned by Trustee LaSpina, seconded by Trustee Guarini, and unanimously approved.

XIII. *Executive Session* – The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 3:35 p.m. Motioned by Trustee Guarini, seconded by Trustee LaSpina. The Board voted unanimously to re-enter Public Session at 3:59 p.m. Motioned by Trustee LaSpina, seconded by Trustee Guarini. Trustee Tansey advised that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

1. *Director Evaluation*

XIV. *Adjournment* – the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. Motioned by Trustee Guarini, seconded by Trustee LaSpina, and unanimously approved.

PLEASE NOTE: Audio of this meeting will be posted to the Library’s website. Transcription will be made available at a later date.