

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Recorded meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

Roll Call:

Kevin McNeil	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>
Amy Arsiwala	<i>excused</i>	Tianna Gresham	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>
Ayeshah Ali	<i>present</i>				
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Nick opened the meeting to public comments I.

There being no comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

Kevin motioned to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting. Agnes seconded. Ayeshah abstained, but all others were in favor.

President's Report:

Nick cited that day's obituary of Leonard Riggio published in the *Star-Ledger* that had interesting background information on Barnes & Noble and bookselling. A copy of the article will be included in next month's board packets.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of July. The financial reports were filed for audit.

January highlighted various aspects of the narrative section of her monthly report. She noted that:

- The Gallery roof was finally completed on August 1 and patrons were able to use the front doors again on August 5. So far, the temperature in the gallery on hot days seems to be acceptable. January has not heard any complaints.
- The Adult Services Department held 37 adult programs that 409 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 31 programs that 1,569 people attended.
- All three Summer Reading programs ended on August 18.
- The Summer Teen Virtual Volunteering Program ended on August 15 and the Reading Buddies program ended on August 12.
- The Young Adult Librarian has launched a new teen program titled *100 Books Before Graduation*.
- Program attendance at the Franklin Park branch has been strong.
- Lewis Street program attendance has shown a modest increase.

Correspondence and communications:

- "On the Books: Library Legislation 2024," by Bob Warburton, *Library Journal*, p.26, June 2024
- "Editorial, AI is Really Something," by Hallie Rich, *Library Journal*, p. 7, August 2024
- Letter of resignation from Nabil Boutros Choueiri (NBC)

Old Business:

Mayor Kramer motioned to move the previously tabled proposed staff vacation day increase off the table. Agnes seconded and all were in favor.

Agnes motioned to increase the number of vacation days to 26 days for those full-time staff members who have been employed at the library for 20 or more years, effective September 1, 2024. Kevin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

New Business:

Mayor Kramer motioned that the board give NBC a plaque commemorating his years of service to the library board. Agnes seconded and all were in favor. January will purchase an appropriate plaque and Kevin will write a letter accepting NBC's resignation.

The mayor stated that he will appoint Ayesah Ali to complete NBC's unexpired term that ends on December 31, 2024. He will appoint a mayor's alternate as soon as he can.

Nick motioned to elect Agnes Kulu-Banya as the board's Vice President/Treasurer. Kevin seconded and all were in favor.

Nick opened the meeting for public comments II

There being no comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

The next meeting will be September 25, 2024 in person in the library's Robert S. Mettler Historical Room.

Mayor Kramer motioned to adjourn, Agnes seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18.

January Adams
Director of Library Services