

# DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES May 19, 2022

Dr. Gregory Sarlo read a supplemental notice stating that as President he determined that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, the meeting would be held virtually and in accordance with state statute.

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Des Plaines Public Library Board of Trustees was held by electronic remote participation on Thursday, May 19, 2022. President Gregory Sarlo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call.

Roll call indicated the following board members were present:

Lisa DuBrock, Kristen Graack, Nicholas Harkovich, Denise Hudec, Bruce Lester, Gregory Sarlo

Absent: Christine Halblander, Michelle Shimon-Hutchison.

Also present: Jo Bonell, Laurie Papadourakis, Heather Imhoff, Michelle Meyer-Edley, Stephanie Spetter, Joanie Sebastian, John Leach, Lauren Wolf.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore.

President Sarlo appoints trustee Lisa DuBrock Secretary Pro Temp.

V. Vote to allow trustees participating remotely to Vote on action items.

Not Applicable due to virtual meeting.

VI. Consideration of the Agenda.

MOTION by Harkovich, seconded by Graack to accept the agenda. ROLL CALL

VOTE: AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Sarlo; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED

Library director Bonell explained that we had intended to have an in-person meeting this month and notices were posted and sent to the newspapers as such. However, over the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup>, DPPL trustee and Vice-President Vince Rangel passed away. We were also notified that another trustee tested positive for COVID, leaving us without the requisite quorum to hold an in-person meeting. President Sarlo determined that by meeting virtually we could achieve the quorum needed to approve and pay monthly bills. On Tuesday notices were reissued for a virtual meeting.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Vince Rangel. President Sarlo and other meeting participants then spoke of the immense contributions he made as a member of the board for over 14 years.

### VII. Public Comments and Questions.

Bonell read a statement from resident Earl Wilson objecting to the fact that the library board meeting is being held virtually this month, rather than in person.

### VIII. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2022
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting April 21, 2022.
- C. Acceptance of Financial Reports for April, 2022.
- D. Acceptance of Reports.
  - 1. Statistics Report for April, 2022.
  - 2. Director's Report for April, 2022

MOTION by Lester, seconded by Graack to approve the consent agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Sarlo; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED

#### IX. New Business.

## A. Approve Payment of Vendor Checks and ACH Payments - \$291,545.85

MOTION by Kristen Graack, seconded by Denise Hudec, to approve payment of vendor checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$291,545.85, as listed on the vendor checks report of April 2022 and authorize Library Director Jo Bonell to transfer the amount required to the library's operating account. ROLL CALL CALL VOTE: AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Sarlo; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED

## B. Report from the Management Committee

Management Committee chair Hudec reported the committee met prior to the board, and began a conversation regarding changes to Policy regarding public comments and questions at board meetings. The committee asked Director Bonell to bring an updated draft of the proposal to the committee for review. No motions at this time.

C. Appointment of Nominating Committee of 2022/2023 Officers

President Sarlo appointed trustees Lester and Halblander to the committee. Lester outlined the process by which the development of a committee-recommended slate and election of new officers will take place.

- X. Other No Other
- XI. Announcements
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- XII. Correspondence.
- XIII. Executive Session as permitted by section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct the semi-annual review of the closed session meeting minutes.

No Action, review postponed to future in-person meeting.

- XIV. Executive Session as permitted by section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting
- XV. Report out from Executive Session No Report Out
- XVI. Adjournment.

MOTION by Lester, seconded by Harkovich to adjourn. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Sarlo; NAYS: None; MOTION CARRIED

Meeting ends at 7:35 pm. Notes prepared by Secretary DuBrock and Heather Imhoff.