

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Video Conference Call via GoToMeeting

PRESENT: Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Ald. Nik Kovac, Matt Kowalski, Chris Layden, Teresa Mercado, Michael Morgan, Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Mark Sain, Jennifer Smith, Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, Joan Johnson

EXCUSED: Dir. Larry Miller

STAFF: Eileen Force Cahill, Ryan Hayes, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Amelia Osterud, Matthew Pacyna, Judy Pinger, Anne Rasmussen, Derek Reilly, Rebecca Schweisberger, Nathan Self

OTHERS

PRESENT: MPL Foundation: Pat Swanson
Budget and Policy Division: Mason Lavey
US Bank: Wayne Sattler
Moody Nolan: Renauld Deandre Mitchell

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:01 p.m. on April 27, 2021 with a quorum present. All Trustees participated by video conference.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **MPL Board Trustee Changes.** President Bria welcomed new Trustee Michael Morgan and the Board members introduced themselves. Trustee Miller's resolution was presented and President Bria announced Trustee Nicholson's reappointment by County Executive David Crowley. Informational item.
2. **Quarterly Review of Fund Investments.** The Board received the U.S. Bank Institutional Trust and Custody quarterly report for MPL dated April 27, 2021 prior to the meeting. Mr. Wayne Sattler, Senior Vice President & Managing Director at U.S. Bank, provided a market overview. The investment performance of the trust fund for the period ending March 31, 2021 was reviewed. The portfolio overview was summarized and the Board accepted the report. Informational item.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021.**
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Innovation & Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021
5. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Library Director's Reports
 - c. Statistics

6. **Revised Services & Programs Committee Meeting Schedule.**

President Bria asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as Attachment A, pages 9-28 of the agenda. Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was approved.

REPORTS

7. **Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board Meeting.** Trustee Kovac reported on the April 19, 2021 meeting. The Board approved the addition of a part-time Marketing position. MCFLS Network Administrator Eric Henry was introduced. MCFLS Executive Director Steve Hesar's performance was reviewed and received very positive feedback from Board members and library Directors. The Board discussed expanded broadband access as it relates to community needs of member libraries. Informational item.
8. **Building & Development Committee Meeting.** Chair Sain reported on the April 1, 2021 meeting. The Committee reviewed the architectural firm presentations for the Martin Luther King branch redevelopment. The Committee moved to award the contract to Moody Nolan and Trustee Sain provided a brief overview of their experience and vision for the project. Trustee Layden seconded. Motion passed. Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen introduced Renauld Mitchell, Director of Operations for Moody Nolan. Mr. Mitchell thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the project and shared their excitement for creating a library that will be meaningful to the community. The development team will be introduced at the May 25, 2021 Board meeting. Chair Sain thanked the Committee for their patience and due diligence on this project. Mr. McGovern-Rowen shared the project has been awarded tax credits through the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). Informational item.

OLD BUSINESS

9. **COVID-19 Response and Recovery.** Library Director Joan Johnson reported MPL continues to support the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) in the effort to increase vaccine uptake in the community. MPL is prepared to convert library spaces to vaccination clinics or to host the MHD mobile vaccination van. The library continues to provide current, correct information about the vaccines. MPL is reviewing schedules and plans for reinstating services and hours. Responses from a public survey conducted online will help inform the planning process. Informational item.

BOARD EDUCATION

10. **Green Infrastructure.** Deputy Library Director Jennifer Meyer-Stearns introduced Erick Shambarger, Sustainability Director in the Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO). Director Shambarger shared information about the City's environmental investments and initiatives. Community goals include increased use of renewable energy sources, cutting carbon emissions, and transitioning to a clean energy economy while focusing on racial justice and equity. The City adopted a green infrastructure plan in 2019 and MPL is committed to supporting the City's larger goals. In collaboration with ECO, MPL has made lighting and HVAC upgrades to Central Library and participated in an energy saving performance contract with Johnson Controls. Additionally, solar panels have been installed at Central Library and Center Street and Tippecanoe branches. MPL has upgraded several branch library parking lots to include native landscaping and bioswales to help with storm water management. As part of the collaboration with ECO, MPL has incorporated programming and education about climate change and green initiatives. MPL workforce

development teams may also provide support for connecting the community with green jobs.
Informational item.

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of
April 27, 2021 was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.
