

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday June 26, 2018
Central Library Community Room 1
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

PRESENT: Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Ald. Cavalier Johnson, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, James Marten, Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Paula Kiely

EXCUSED: Joan Prince, Sharon Cook, Mark Sain, Jennifer Smith

STAFF: Rachel Arndt, Eileen Force Cahill, Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Judy Pinger, Rebecca Schweisberger, Kelly Wochinske

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kevin Johnson
Mary Schanning & Rachel Kennedy, City Attorney's Office
Eric Pearson & Mason Lavey, Budget and Policy Division

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:53 p.m. on June 26, 2018 with a quorum present. Trustees Coggs participated by conference phone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bria introduced David Sosa, Earn and Learn Summer Youth Intern assigned to MPL Administration.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **New Trustee**. President Bria introduced Trustee Jim Marten. Trustee Marten is Chair of the Department of History at Marquette University. He was recommended to the Board by former President John Gurda and was appointed by Mayor Tom Barrett.
2. **Staff Recognition**. The Board presented a resolution honoring Library Public Services Area Manager Dawn Lauber, thanking her for her thirty-five years of service to the library upon the occasion of her upcoming retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 22, 2018.**
4. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes May 22, 2018
5. **Administrative Reports.**
 - a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Library Director's Reports

President Bria asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as attachment B, pages 7-20 of the agenda. President Bria entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Kovac moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

REPORTS

6. **Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board.** Trustee Nik Kovac, Resource Library Representative, reported on the June 18, 2018 MCFLS Board meetings. At the meeting, the annual audit was presented and approved. The annual budget request for \$100,000 was submitted to the County Executive. It was noted there could be changes to state funding as a result of the Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) project. Director Kiely gave a brief explanation of the two models under consideration. There will be further discussion and briefing about the PLSR project at the next MCFLS Board meeting and at the MPL Board meeting in July. Informational item.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **MPL Board Committees.** President Bria announced Mark Sain will now chair the MPL Building and Development Committee. The remaining committee assignments will be shared at the July 27, 2018 Board meeting. Informational item.
8. **Contingent Financing.** Assistant Library Director Jennifer Meyer-Stearns presented a memo outlining the Energy Performance Request for Proposal and the scoring of the two proposals received; the memo is attached at the end of these minutes. The Board heard a request for approval to move forward with the Investment Grade Audit, to be performed by Johnson Controls. Trustee Johnson moved to approve and Trustee Layden seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

8. **Mill Road Redevelopment.** Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen and Assistant City Attorney Mary Schanning referenced a document summarizing the proposed changes to the Mill Road/Good Hope Development; the document was sent to the Board before the meeting and is attached at the end of these minutes. Ms. Schanning noted negotiations are ongoing and recommended going into closed session to discuss additional options.

President Bria stated her intention to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of deliberating over the Mill Road Library Redevelopment Project. Trustee Layden made a motion to move to closed session and Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called and unanimously passed. Director Kiely, Library Construction Project Manager McGovern-Rowen, Assistant Library Director Meyer-Stearns, Kevin Johnson, Ms. Schanning, and Administrative Assistant Rebecca Schweisberger remained during closed session.

After discussion, the Board reconvened in open session on a motion by Trustee Layden and seconded by Trustee Johnson. In open session, President Bria entertained a motion to authorize the City Attorneys to continue negotiations, contingent on negotiating on the parameters discussed in closed session and to sign an agreement, if one can be reached through negotiations. Trustee Layden moved and Trustee Marten seconded. Motion passed.