

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday September 25, 2018
Central Library Community Room 1
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

PRESENT: Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, James Marten, Ald. Michael Murphy, Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Joan Prince, Mark Sain, Jennifer Smith, Paula Kiely

STAFF: Rachel Arndt, Eileen Force Cahill, Joan Johnson, Sarah Leszczynski, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Judy Pinger, Victoria Robertson, Rebecca Schweisberger, Beth Wisniewski, Kelly Wochinske

OTHERS

PRESENT: Budget and Policy Division: Dennis Yaccarino, Mason Lavey
MPL Foundation: Dan Renouard, Ryan Daniels

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:39 p.m. on September 25, 2018 with a quorum present. Trustee Nicholson participated by conference phone. Agenda items were taken out of order; however, these minutes are presented in numerical sequence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Director Paula Kiely introduced Human Resources Officer Victoria Robertson. Ms. Robertson has worked in various City departments for over twenty years and is very excited to be at MPL.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **Trustee Recognition**. President Bria presented a resolution honoring Sharon Cook, thanking her for her eleven years of service. The Trustees signed a copy of the book *The Most Beautiful Libraries in the World*, which will be sent with the resolution to Ms. Cook.
2. **New Trustee Pin Presentation**. President Bria presented Trustees Marten and Murphy with MPL Board pins.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 24, 2018.**
4. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting July 24, 2018
5. **Administrative Reports.**
 - a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Library Director's Reports

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MPL CONSENT AGENDA
1. Regular Minutes 09/25/18
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President Bria asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as attachment B, pages 3-28 of the agenda. President Bria entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Kovac moved and Trustee Layden seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **2019 Library Budget.** Budget Director Dennis Yaccarino provided a brief overview of the proposed 2019 city budget and an explanation of how the budget is allocated. The Library will receive 3% of the 2019 total city budget. Director Kiely referred to the MPL Year 2018 Proposed Budget Overview, attached at the end of these minutes. The proposed 2019 operating budget includes \$22,956,510 to support the library, which is 1.1% less than the 2018 budget. MPL will hold 3 full-time positions vacant to help meet the reduction. Informational item.

REPORTS

7. **Finance & Personnel Committee.** Trustee Layden reported on the September 25, 2018 special meeting. On behalf of the committee Trustee Layden made a motion to approve a contract with Cengage Learning, Inc. to purchase a license for Career Online High School and 25 scholarships for students at a total cost of \$67, 375, for the period of October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019. Trustee Murphy seconded. Motion passed.
8. **Building & Development Committee Meeting.** Trustee Sain reported on the September 6, 2018 meeting. The meeting resulted in two action items which need Board approval. First, the committee voted to recommend Board approval to purchase the Villard Square library condominium for \$1.00 and on their behalf Trustee Sain made a motion. Trustee Coggs seconded. Motion passed. Second, the committee voted to recommend Board approval for the addition of Haywood Group as a co-developer with Young Development on the Martin Luther King library redevelopment project. On behalf of the committee, Trustee Sain made a motion and Trustee Price seconded. Motion passed. The committee discussed the option to use a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) vs. a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a developer and site for the new Capitol library. The committee agreed to move forward with an RFP with a greater emphasis on developer requirements.
9. **Innovation & Strategy Committee Meeting.** Trustee Prince reported on the August 8, 2018 meeting. The committee discussed succession planning and how outcomes from the Board Retreat align with the library's Strategic Plan. Trustee Prince noted the Strategic Plan end date is in 2020. The committee will form two short term workgroups: one will focus on the long term viability and stability of library funding and the other will investigate Artificial Intelligence solutions for the library. No action was needed, but the Board supports formation of the workgroups.
10. **MPL Foundation Report.** Foundation Director Ryan Daniels provided an update on fundraising. To date, nearly 1,200 individuals have made donations totaling over \$900,000. The Foundation has allocated \$1.4 million to funding the library in 2018. The annual Ben Franklin Awards Celebration will be held October 11, 2018 and will honor Jay and Madonna Williams. The event will highlight innovation and digital services; teen interns will participate with demonstrations in various areas, including the Cargill Community Kitchen. Director Daniels described the 2018 auction items and invited all Trustees to share event information within their network and attend the celebration. President Bria thanked Director Daniels and Foundation Board President Dan Renouard for their attendance at the meeting. Informational item.

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of September 25, 2018 was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.