Botts called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Rachel Anderson, William Baldridge, James Botts, Sophia Brewer, M. Jade VanderVelde, Caralee Witteveen-Lane

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Robert Adcock, Marla Ehlers, Kristen Krueger-Corrado, John McNaughton, Briana Trudell, Patrick Beatty, City Attorney’s Office

Staff Present: Amy Alber, GREIU

Public Present: Dan Poortenga, GRPLF

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2018

MOTION: By Commissioner Baldridge, supported by Commissioner Brewer, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 27, 2018.

ACTION: AYES 6 – 0

Motion passed.

4. BOARD COMMENTS

Botts passed out the opinion by Jessica Wood and asked the board to look it over for the next meeting.

Baldridge commented on hanging bulbs that were out above the reference desk. McNaughton stated that he will look into the issue.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLA Reports – Rachel Anderson and Jim Botts

Anderson stated she was grateful to go and thanked the library.

Botts gave his report verbally and shared that the session that stood out to him was the Seattle Public Library’s talk on racial and social justice in their system.

6. STAFF & FOUNDATION REPORTS

A. Statistical Report for March 2018

Brewer mentioned an uptick in wifi connections. Ehlers explained that the main reason behind it is that many people’s devices automatically connect when they walk into the libraries and Information Systems is working on a way to track more accurate uses.
B. **Staff Changes Report**

No comments.

C. **Library Director's Report**

McNaughton told the board about the LSTA Grant the library is receiving in partnership with Junior Achievement and gave them a brief explanation of the work that will be done this summer. He also mentioned that the AARP volunteer tax program the library hosted this spring that served 890 people. Lastly he told the board that he would like to start working on the Strategic Plan for next year as quickly as possible. Baldridge stated that there is money in the budget to get consultant help with the next plan.

D. **Financial Report**

No comments.

E. **Foundation Update**

Poortenga briefly mentioned the White Glove event stating it was very successful and all of the feedback was positive, that all the money raised will be for general fund grants for the library, and they are already planning next years.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Board Candidate Discussion**

The board talked about the criteria they used to pick their top choices and next steps. They then discussed the top choices.

**MOTION:** By Commissioner Botts, supported by Commissioner Brewer, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids agree to invite LaGrand, Mullen, Sparks, and White to interview for the vacant board seat.

**ACTION:** AYES 6 – 0

Motion passed.

The board discussed questions for the finalists. They agreed to have to written questions to be submitted in advance and two questions to ask during the interview.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Board Policy 10-3 Update**

**MOTION:** By Commissioner Baldridge, supported by Commissioner Brewer, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the suggested changes in the Board Policy 10-3 Library Director: Hiring, Evaluation, and Compensation.

**ACTION:** AYES 6 – 0

Motion passed.

B. **Seymour Branch Rename Discussion**

Brewer stated that the board should find out what would be involved with the name change and then go to the community and ask their thoughts.

Botts asked the staff to research what it would take to change the name and how much it would cost.
9. INFORMATION ITEMS
   A. Media Index
      No comments.
   B. Board & Administrator, April 2018
      No comments.

10. GRAND RAPIDS EMPLOYEES INDEPENDENT UNION
    No comments.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING: MAY 29, 2018
    Parking Lot Discussion with Legal Opinions with Peter Schmidt at the meeting.
    Board Vacancy Interviews

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS
    No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.