

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
July 25, 2023 – 5:15 pm
111 Library St NE – Board Room**

Boston called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Kelly Boston, Kathryn Dilley, Sheila García Mazari
Kristin Kopec, Lauren Woolsey

Board Members Absent: Rachel Anderson (with notice)

Administration Present: Robert Adcock, Patrick Beatty, Jessica Anne Bratt,
John McNaughton, Meryl Wilsner

Staff Present:

Public Present: Steve Assarian, GREIU

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Commissioner García Mazari that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the amended minutes of the regular board meeting of June 20, 2023.

ACTION: AYES 5 – 0

Motion passes.

4. BOARD COMMENTS

Various board members share positive feedback they've received from community members. Woolsey speaks to comments from the public last meeting.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy committee met multiple times but it will be discussed in old business.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Library Director's Report

McNaughton speaks to report and the new fiscal year.

b. Financial Report

Adcock expects to have final fiscal year numbers next month.

c. Foundation Update

No update.

d. ALA Annual Conference Reports

Bratt provides reports from staff who attended, as well as her own report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Policy 40-1 Intellectual Freedom Guidelines

García Mazari updates on policy committee meetings. McNaughton and the board briefly discuss the draft. Woolsey clarifies the title should be 40-4. The board plans to vote on this at the August regular meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY24 Budget Amendment – Carry Forward

Adcock explains that some projects from the previous fiscal year have carried over and need approval for this year.

MOTION: By Commissioner Kopec that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the above FY24 budget amendment, effective July 25, 2023.

ACTION: AYES 5 – 0

Motion passes.

b. Discussion of Candidates for Open Board Seat

The board discusses interview format and chooses top candidates to interview. Page, Danielson, Peterson, Holt, and Bryant will be interviewed at the August 15 special meeting.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Media Index

Boston enjoyed reading about the 32-year late book.

b. Staffing Report

No comments.

c. Statistical Report for June 2023

Boston appreciates this report. McNaughton gives credit to Rebecca Near.

10. GRAND RAPIDS EMPLOYEES INDEPENDENT UNION

Assarian thanks board for answering his question from last meeting and has no updates this month.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 28, 2023

Policy 40-4 voting.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erin Nemestel, an applicant for the open board seat, appreciates that there were great options for the position.

13. ADJOURNMENT

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.