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

Anderson calls the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Rachel Anderson, Kelly Boston, Kathryn Dilley, Sheila García Mazari

Kristin Kopec, Lauren Woolsey

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Patrick Beatty, Lindsay Laplow, John McNaughton

Staff Present: Megan Biggins

Public Present: Justine Bryant, Laura Danielson, Bryan Holt, Alexandria Page,

Kevin Peterson

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

3. INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR OPEN SEAT

Board discusses the interview process. Anderson explains to candidates that they are free to stay for interviews, but can leave the room if they want to. All applicants will be asked the same questions.

a. Justine Bryant

Board interviews Bryant and answers her questions.

b. Bryan Holt

Board interviews Holt.

The meeting recesses at 5:49 pm. The meeting is called back to order at 5:52 pm.

c. Alexandra Page

Board interviews Page and answers her questions.

d. Kevin Peterson

Board interviews Peterson and answers his questions.

e. Laura Danielson

Board interviews Danielson and answers her questions.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT

Beatty confirms all of the applicants have been residents for more than 6 months. Board discusses candidates.

VOTE: The Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids votes on candidates for the open board seat.

Peterson receives 3 votes. Holt receives 3 votes.

Board further discusses candidates.

VOTE: The Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids votes on candidates for the open board seat.

Peterson receives 4 votes. Holt receives 2 votes.

ACTION: The Board appoints Kevin Peterson to the open seat on the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids.

Anderson leaves the room to speak with candidates and invites Peterson back into the meeting. Peterson thanks the board. There is discussion of Peterson's swearing in. He says he will be available for the next regular board meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.