

**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.**