

MINUTES

Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids

September 26, 2023 – 5:15 pm

111 Library Street NE – Board Room

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Robert Adcock, Megan Biggins, Jessica Anne Bratt
John McNaughton (by phone), Meryl Wilsner, Patrick Beatty

Staff Present: Erin Hart

Public Present: Steven Assarian, GREIU; Jax Johnson, GRPL volunteer

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Commissioner Woolsey, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 29, 2023.

ACTION: AYES 7 – 0

Woolsey clarifies what is required to be included in the minutes.

García Mazari points out the potential speaker on intellectual freedom is not on ALA's committee.

Motion passes.

4. BOARD COMMENTS

Boston provides personal updates.

Dilley speaks to her excitement for the mural project with Lions & Rabbits at the Van Belkum Branch. Dilley took a tour and learned more from Lions & Rabbits staff.

García Mazari compliments a library event she attended.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Woolsey updates that the policy committee met once and will have more at the October general board meeting.

Anderson updates on the legislative committee. Board discusses strategic priorities for the legislative committee to focus on.

6. STAFF & FOUNDATION REPORTS

a. Library Director's Report

McNaughton speaks to report. The Summer Reading report will come next month.

i. **STEAM Center Update**

Bratt provides an update of her recent meeting with Fishbeck. McNaughton speaks to meetings with Grand Rapids Children’s Museum and the City and County commissioners.

b. **Financial Report**

Adcock speaks to the monthly report and year end review. He answers Board questions.

c. **Foundation Update**

No update.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Board discusses timing for the speaker regarding intellectual freedom.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No comments.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. **Media Index**

Woolsey expresses excitement over board game collection rollout.

b. **Staffing Report**

Kopec congratulates employee Pendergast for length of employment.

c. **Statistical Report for August 2023**

No comments.

10. GRAND RAPIDS EMPLOYEES INDEPENDENT UNION

No comments.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2023

Vote on the director evaluation process.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Commissioner García Mazari, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids adjourn this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.