Minutes for March 16, 2024 Special Library Board Meeting

1. Call to order and roll

President Fruth called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Secretary Fairfax took roll.

Present: Virginia Bloom, Madhurima Chakraborty, Susanne Fairfax, Maya Ganguly, Kristina Rogers

Theodore Foss to participate remotely through zoom. Ganguly motioned. Bloom seconded. Approved by all trustees.

Also attending: Leigh Tarullo, Director of Collections, Billy Treece, Director of Finance and Human Resources, Jodi Kolo, Director of Communications and Development, Matt Bartodziej, Director of Facilities, Camayia Dantzler, Executive Assistant

Public commentators: Barbara Fitzgerald, Genevieve Grove, Colleen White, Rebecca Malinowski, Zerrin Bulut, Shelley Harris, Jennifer Norborg, Caidyn Righeimer, Heather Ash, Jocelyn Floyd, Zerlina Smith, Anita Kinney, Rachel Walker, Tatiana Swancy, Faisal Alabsy, Melisa Alabsy, Joslyn Bowling Dixon, Rebekah Levin, Simone Boutet

A motion was made to amend the agenda to move appointment, employment, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director before public comments.

Fairfax motioned. Rogers seconded. Approved by all trustees, with the exception of Foss, who said nay.

2. Appointment, employment, discipline, or dismissal of Executive Director

Foss motioned to place Bowling Dixon on administrative leave, pending independent investigation regarding practices and treatment of staff, community, and library resources.

Motion by Foss is not carried forward. Rogers motioned to terminate the employment of Bowling Dixon, effective March 16. Fairfax seconded. Approved by all trustees, with the exception of Foss, who said nay. Motion is carried forward.

3. Public Comments

Per the Public Comment at Board Meetings Policy, Fruth read several public comments that were received for this library board meeting. The comments will be included in the library files.

4. Adjournment

Bloom motioned. Fairfax seconded. Approved by all trustees. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.