

Minutes for March 18, 2025, Regular Board of Library Trustees Meeting

1. Call to order and roll

President Fruth called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and Secretary Fairfax took roll.

Present: Virginia Bloom, Madhurima Chakraborty, Theodore Foss, Susanne Fairfax, Maya Ganguly, Kristina Rogers, Matthew Fruth

Also Attending: Leigh Tarullo, Co-Interim Director

2. Approval of Minutes

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Moved by Bloom. Seconded by Ganguly. Approved by all present.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments received by email or writing for this meeting.

4. Trustee Comments and Calendar

The board reviewed the calendar, which included the next regular board meetings, the LACONI Trustee Banquet, and Day in Our Village event.

Fruth made a comment noting that the staff survey results from Holistic have been completed and shared with the board with plans to discuss how to present the findings to staff and the new Executive Director. Fruth noted that as a part of the service, Holistic can come and present in person to leadership, staff, and the new Executive Director more in detail about the findings from the survey results. Bloom made a comment requesting information about Juneteenth and wondered if there are details available for anything related to Juneteenth.

5. Interim Co-Directors Report

6. Staff Reports

a. Strategic Priorities Report

The board reviewed the Strategic Priorities Report for the month of February. Ganguly pointed out in the Anti-Racism and Equity section where it highlights honoring black history month that 80 kids attended the celebration event hosted by the Middle and High School Services (MHS) team. Bloom pointed out in the Engagement section where it highlights supporting our diverse library staff where it states in 2024, 120 staff members attending learning opportunities ranging

from conferences to webinars. Bloom asked if staff reported on what they learned from attending a learning opportunity and if there is a way it can be shared as a summary to the board.

b. Additions & Terminations Report

c. Staff Changes Report

7. Financial Reports

a. February 2025 Financial Reports

The board reviewed the financial statements dated February 28, 2025.

b. February 2025 Resolutions on Disbursements

Motion to approve the Resolutions on Disbursements for the month for February.

Moved by Chakraborty. Seconded by Bloom.

8. New Business

a. Library opening an hour early on Sunday, June 1, 2025 for Day In Our Village

The board has to hold a vote to amend the open hours of the library on Sunday, June 1 to match the hours for Day In Our Village, located in Scoville Park .

Motion to amend the library opening an hour early on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Moved by Foss. Seconded by Fairfax. Approved by all present.

9. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Moved by Ganguly. Seconded by Foss. Approved by all present.

Secretary Fairfax took a roll call vote.

Trustee Bloom - yay
Trustee Chakraborty - yay
Trustee Fairfax - yay
Trustee Foss - yay
Trustee Ganguly - yay
Trustee Rogers - yay
Trustee Fruth - yay

10. Authorization of Koya in regards to candidate negotiation

The board resumed back to open session.

Motion to authorize Koya Partners to engage in negotiation with the candidate for the Oak Park Public Library Executive Director.

Moved by Bloom. Seconded by Chakraborty. Approved by all present.

Secretary Fairfax took a roll call vote.

Trustee Bloom - yay
Trustee Chakraborty - yay
Trustee Fairfax - yay
Trustee Foss - yay
Trustee Ganguly - yay
Trustee Rogers - yay
Trustee Fruth - yay

Motion carried unanimously. Koya Partners have received instructions and will pursue forward.

11. Adjournment

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.