

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 27, 2021

TCPL Board Members Present: Ingrid Jensen , President; Martha Hardesty, Blixxy Taetzsch, Anthony Martinez, Nina Miller, Liam Murphy, Shelley Wong, Don Trotter, Nina Scholtz

Board Members Excused: LaWanda Cook, Melisa Sidle, Maureen Gilroy, Jason Moore

Also Present: Susan Currie, Interim Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Teresa Vadakin, Head of Adult Services; Sarah O'Shea, Head of Youth Services; Jennifer Schlossberg, Head of Access Services; Kerry Barnes, TCPL Foundation Executive Assistant

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 21-61

A **MOTION** was made by L. Murphy and seconded by I. Jensen to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF JUNE 22, 2021 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 21-62

A **MOTION** was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by D. Trotter to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Secretary, Blixxy Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #13 dated 7/1/21, #14 dated 7/15/21 totaling \$98,103.33. I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment July 2021 bills in the amount of \$112554.35 as listed in Abstracts #19, #20 and #21.

APPROVAL OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASE FOR LIBRARY PATRON POLICY DOC 21-63

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASE FOR LIBRARY STAFF POLICY DOC 21-64

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SAFETY REQUIRMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 POLICY DOC 21-65

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2021 PCI DSS COMPLIANCE POLICY DOC 21-66

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SECURITY CAMERA NOTICE
DOC 21-67

Approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jensen said good bye and thanked departing trustees; Anthony Martinez and Thompson Terry, for their tremendous contribution and service to the board. She presented books given in their honor.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

B. Taetzsch gave a brief update on the next steps of the search. Trustees will discuss further in Executive Session.

DIRECTORS REPORT

S. Currie remarked this was her last board meeting, she thanked trustees for the opportunity to work at the library. Currie thanked staff services and the leadership team, Currie said it has been wonderful working with everyone. Currie especially thanked Blixy Taetzsch for her work on the search committee and the budget. She is ready to help, she loves the library and what it means to the community.

LIAISON REPORTS

Foundation – K. Barnes shared that the Foundation is thinking of events for the end of the year for big fundraising. Originally planned hybrid events, TCPL’s “Let Me Ask a Librarian” and the NPR’s “Wait Wait Don’t Tell Me” is on hold.

Friends – The fall Booksale starts October 9th, and donations are steady.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn to Executive Session by M. Hardesty and seconded by S. Wong at 4:37 PM. Approved unanimously. Interim Director Currie was asked to stay.

Currie was excused at 5:21 p.m. The trustees then discussed personnel matters.

A **MOTION** was made by M. Hardesty and seconded by B. Taetzsch to adjourn from executive session to public session at 5:29 p.m. Approved unanimously. There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by D. Trotter and seconded by L. Murphy to adjourn Public Session at 5:45 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Blixxy Taetzsch
Secretary