

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

5:15 PM –Central Library

Trustees in Attendance	Trustees not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
<p>Ms. Adam Mr. Brown Ms. Espenshade Dr. Farmer Dr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Kaufman Ms. Lasher Ms. Moser Mr. Reid Mr. Rosenberg</p>	<p>Mr. Boothe Ms. Gohn Mr. Hillman Mr. Koff Mr. Miller Mr. Scherr</p>	<p>Ms. Bangura Mr. Clash Ms. Graham Ms. Hall Ms. Henrie Mr. Johnson Ms. Kelly Ms. Kouwenhoven Mr. Krabbe Ms. Levine Mr. Lewis Ms. Monahan Ms. Reighard Ms. Scheuerman Mr. Smit Ms. Sundermann-Zingler</p>

- I. **Chair, Christine Espenshade called the meeting to order at 5:24 PM**
- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, December 6, 2023 meeting.*****
- III. **Ratification of the Actions of the Board of Directors**
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees ratified the actions of the Board of Directors at the Wednesday, December 6, 2023 meeting.*****
- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**

Ms. Espenshade began her remarks by welcoming the board to the meeting and thanking the Board for their attendance and participation at meetings and events. Ms. Espenshade enjoyed the Pratt’s most recent events – Booklover’s Breakfast and the Black & White Party – and gave special attention to Pratt Contemporaries Board Chair Mr. Matthew Lengel, the DIA team, and the Programming Department. Ms. Espenshade congratulated Mr. Benjamin Rosenberg for his accolades in leadership in law and also congratulated Dr. OluwaTosin Adegbola, Mr. Kenny

Clash, and Ms. Darcell Graham for their acceptance in The Leadership, a Greater Baltimore Committee program. Ms. Espenshade informed the Board of upcoming education sessions regarding the strategic plan and budget, as well as congratulating Mr. Clash on completing the FY22 Audit.

Ms. Espenshade thanked Ms. Virginia Adams for agreeing to lead the art initiative. Ms. Espenshade called the Board's attention to the "The More You Know..." section of the Board book, specifically the Pratt Possible Newsletter by Ms. Christine Kouwenhoven. Ms. Espenshade highlighted the work of Ms. Meghan McCorkell in preparing the letter that will be shared with state legislators. Ms. Espenshade presented a list of dates for upcoming events that could be of interest to the Board. Ms. Cindi Monahan updated the Board on the Mr. Pratt Presents Gala, thanked the Board members chairing the event committee, and requested the Board to consider purchasing tables at the Gala.

Ms. Espenshade concluded her remarks by highlighting the packed schedule of the meeting, including guests Charlene Hayes and Bellamy Genn, as well as an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

V. Resolution of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Benjamin Rosenberg on behalf of the Board of Trustees brought forth a citation in recognition of the late Ms. Nancy Dorman. Ms. Verna Jones-Rodwell motioned for approval, Dr. Mychelle Farmer seconded the motion.

*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the citation in recognition of the late Ms. Nancy Dorman.*****

VI. Election of Members for the Board of Directors

Ms. Mary Ann Scully on behalf of the Governance Committee brought forth the nomination of new Board Directors, Ms. Barbara Bozzuto and Mr. Edwin Courtemanche. Ms. Jones-Rodwell motioned for approval, Mr. Jamar Brown seconded the motion.

*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nomination of Ms. Barbara Bozzuto and Mr. Edwin Courtemanche as new Members of the Board of Directors.*****

VII. Election of Members for the Board of Trustees

Ms. Mary Ann Scully on behalf of the Governance Committee brought forth the nomination of new Board Trustees, Mr. Mark Caplan, Ms. Margaret De Cuevas, and Mr. Neal Naff. Ms. Virginia Adams motioned for approval, Dr. Mychelle Farmer seconded the motion.

*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Mark Caplan, Ms. Margaret De Cuevas, and Mr. Neal Naff as new Members of the Board of Trustees.*****

VIII. Bylaws Amendment

Mary Ann Scully on behalf of the Governance Committee brought forth an amendment to the Bylaws. Mr. Vernon Reid commented on the need for clarification regarding whether Trustees or Directors could be on the Governance and Executive Committees. Ms. Espenshade clarified the type of Board members who can be in each Committee. Patricia Lasher motioned for approval of the Bylaws Amendment, Mr. Jamar Brown seconded the motion.

*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Amendment to the Bylaws.*****

IX. Report on City and State Operating Budgets

The City and State Operating Budgets report was included in the Board Book and stands as is.

X. Public Comment

Mr. Mark Hart, as president of the Friends of Reisterstown Rd. Branch, thanked CEO, Ms. Heidi Daniel, for her work in helping the Reisterstown Branch. Mr. Hart wished Ms. Daniel a good time in Washington and that he hope she will still cheer on the Orioles if they play in Seattle.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Christine Espenshade at 5:49 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:15 pm at Central Library.