

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:15 PM –Central Library/ Hybrid

Trustees in Attendance	Trustees not in Attendance		Staff in Attendance
Ms. Adams Ms. DeKuyper Ms. Dorman Ms. Espenshade Ms. Farmer, Chair Ms. Gohn Mr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Kaufman Mr. Koff Ms. Lasher Ms. Moser Mr. Reid Mr. Rosenberg Mr. Scherr	Mr. Brown Mr. Miller		Ms. Daniel Ms. Bangura Mr. Clash Ms. Graham Mr. Jenkins Mr. Krabbe Mr. Lewis Ms. McCorkell Ms. Monahan Ms. Moran Ms. Pelicano Ms. Raabe Ms. Reighard Ms. Scheuerman Mr. Williams Ms. Zhu

- I. Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting
 ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, December 14, 2022 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 14, 2022 meeting.
- IV. Chair’s Remarks

Dr. Farmer began her remarks discussing the Board engagement process and how it continues to move forward. Dr. Farmer continues to remain committed to this process as a way to work together in support of CEO, Heidi Daniel and the Pratt Library staff. Last month, a meeting of several Board members and health advisors were held. Dr. Farmer is very excited about the new

ways that health support services and health literacy are being introduced within the library. It will be exciting to witness the expansion of these important services going forward. Dr. Farmer congratulated Mr. Bob Nye for his hard work to develop the model of Board engagement as a meaningful way to strengthen Boards' participation.

Dr. Farmer informed the Board that they are making progress to secure a consultant for the preparation of the next strategic plan. Dr. Farmer has been working with COO, Mr. Gordon Krabbe and CEO, Ms. Heidi Daniel to finalize their plans. Small group meetings to review and revise the strategic plan will resume once the consultant is selected. The process will rely heavily on the current strategic plan, the master facility plan, and the Board will consider both short-term and long-term goals.

Dr. Farmer informed the Board that the committees are all doing great work, but she wanted to give a special "shout-out" to the Legislative Committee. They have been working very hard to advocate for bills that will bring Pratt Library much needed funding for infrastructure and for needed services. Dr. Farmer is optimistic at this point. Mr. Gordon Krabbe, the committee's great staff liaison and fantastic committee chair, Mr. Mark Caplan, will keep the Board informed. Great work by this committee! Dr. Farmer extended her many thanks to all Board members who are sending letters of support for these bills.

Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by reminding the Board that it has attended some great presentations during the past two months at the Pratt Library. They have been successful events! The reception and discussion with Mr. Eric Holder were well attended. Board member, Mr. Kurt Schmoke, led the discussion. He did a fantastic job! Dr. Farmer was delighted to see so many Board members in attendance. Dr. Farmer is looking forward to the gala, taking place on April 1st, she hopes that all of the Board will make plans to be there.

V. Report on City and State Operating Budgets

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

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Mark Hart thanked CEO, Ms. Heidi Daniel for her exceptional leadership throughout the winter months and wished the library a happy spring.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:42 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:15 pm.