

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
6:15 PM –Central Library/ Hybrid

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

- I. Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:21 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, March 22, 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, March 22, 2023 meeting.*****
- IV. Chair’s Remarks

Dr. Farmer began her remarks by thanking the board for their commitment and leadership. Dr. Farmer knows that the board shares a deep love for the library, and collectively supports the

many innovative programs the library conducts. As this is the last full board meeting as chair of the Enoch Pratt library board. Dr. Farmer began her remarks by listing the successes of the past year.

- Fundraising this year, the library received the largest donation in the history of the Enoch Pratt Library.
- The Finance Committee has consistently exceeded expectations as it relates to accountability for both the Trustee budget and investment portfolio.
- The Legislative Committee secured significant support from the Governor and from the Maryland General Assembly. Dr. Farmer informed the committee that the library will need continued advocacy from Board members, so that the library can realize its goals in the long term.
- The DEI Committee is helping the Executive Committee to develop activities, so that the library can fulfill its plans to align with the strategic plan for commitment to DEI.
- The Governance Committee did an excellent job with board candidate selections. Again, this work continues.
- The Community Services Committee is actively looking at ways to do more, especially in light of the plans for a new branch in Park Heights.
- The library now has special task forces for board engagement and real estate, all of which work hard to provide additional support for the library's strategic plan.
- The Emerti was activated last fiscal year, and they have been very supportive of the library's mission.
- The Audit Committee is provided valuable service to interface with city auditors to ensure audits are completely as required.

Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by once again thanking the committee for their contributions and dedication. Dr. Farmer believes the board has a bright future, but the work is not done. Dr. Farmer is committed to continue her support for CEO, Heidi Daniel and her leadership team and to support the board, Baltimore's best board in her opinion.

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. Mr. Hart is looking forward to the summer reading programs and wished everyone a relaxing summer.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:39 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:15 pm at Central Library.