

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
6:15 PM – Central Library/Hybrid

Trustees in Attendance	Not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
Ms. Adams Mr. Boothe Ms. Espenshade Ms. DeKuyper Ms. Dorman Ms. Farmer, Chair Mr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Koff Ms. Lasher Ms. Moser Mr. Rosenberg Ms. Sabundayo Mr. Scherr <u>Emeritus Trustees</u>	Mr. Aneckstein Ms. Gohn Mr. Hillman Mr. Kaufman Mr. Miller Mr. Reid	Ms. Bangura Ms. Daniel Mr. Felder Ms. Graham Mr. Jenkins Mr. Johnson Mr. Krabbe Mr. Lewis Ms. Mange Ms. McCorkell Ms. Monahan Ms. Moran Mr. Payne Ms. Raabe Ms. Sundermann

- I. **Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM**

- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, December 8, 2021 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 8, 2021 meeting. *****

- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**

Dr. Mychelle Farmer began her remarks with sharing a quote her mother would say around this time of the year. “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.” Where the Pratt Library is concerned, the organization is moving forward with all the energy and agility of a lion. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that Baltimore City is relaxing some of the COVID-19 restrictions under which the library operated since 2020. The library is welcoming many people back to in-

person meetings; Dr. Farmer looks forward to seeing much more of the Board as things continue to open back up.

Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that March is also Women's History Month. Dr. Farmer recognized the many women who make the Enoch Pratt Library so great. Starting at the top, the Pratt Library has a great leader in Ms. Heidi Daniel. Dr. Farmer requested that the Board join her in extending a round of applause to Ms. Daniel, as well as all of the women who provide leadership in the library.

Traditionally, Pratt Library places the spotlight on many great women of Maryland and beyond. The Pratt Library is looking forward to welcoming Ms. Anna Deavere Smith as its featured speaker at Mr. Pratt Presents. A native of Baltimore, she has won many awards including a MacArthur Genius Award. Dr. Farmer hopes all of the Board will make every effort to attend the gala.

Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks with a reminder to the Board, that in order to show support for the library, the Board needs to find ways to re-engage with each other, and to support the return to in-person events. Dr. Farmer was glad to see many of the members at today's Board meeting. There will be more opportunities to come together in person throughout the remainder of the fiscal year, and beyond. Dr. Farmer believes that Board members are important windows to the communities served by the library. As the weather gets warmer, as COVID-19 incidences decline, Dr. Farmer encouraged the Board to come together and enjoy the library's in-person events, and bring a friend or two.

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 expressed gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary leadership of Ms. Heidi Daniel and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Hart is excited that the library is returning to in-person events and is excited for future events and programs.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:32 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:15 pm at Central/hybrid option.