

**ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**  
**5:15 PM –Central Library**

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

- I. Chair, Christine Espenshade called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM
  
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, June 14, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting  
**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2023 meeting.\*\*\***
  
- IV. Chair’s Remarks  

Ms. Espenshade began her remarks by welcoming the board to its first meeting. Ms. Espenshade looks forward to working with the board on the many new initiatives, goals, as well as continuing the library’s future success. To ensure its continued success, Ms. Espenshade announced that the structure of the meetings will be changing. Pratt staff will begin to take the

lead on committee reports, scheduling, and presenting. Ms. Espenshade informed the board that Govenda, the board software tool will now be its main form of communication, this will help staff and limit one-off requests for information. Ms. Espenshade informed the board that it will now be moving to a consent agenda, and all meetings will have an executive session for the CEO to provide key personnel updates. Ms. Espenshade introduced Mr. Joseph Chambliss as the new board liaison; Mr. Chambliss will be training with Mr. Troy-Anthony Jenkins, the previous board liaison. Mr. Espenshade thanked Mr. Jenkins for his assistance and expertise and looks forward to continuing to work with him, as he transitions to a role that works more closely with the CEO.

Ms. Espenshade extended congratulations to Dr. Mychelle Farmer on her appointment to the Maryland State Library Council by Governor Wes Moore, and to Dr. Allan Jensen on his appointment to the Citizens for Maryland Libraries Board. Ms. Espenshade concluded her remarks by informing the board of Pratt's 150th history project that will be led by Ms. Virginia Adams, Pratt's Art Installation Initiative that Ms. Nancy Dorman is working on, and the board engagement tour in September. Ms. Espenshade looks forward to working more closely with the board, and hosting small get togethers for groups of board members to get to know one another better.

**V. 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 Director, Mr. David Donato.

**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. David Donato as a new Member of the Board of Directors.\*\*\***

**VI. Report on City and State Operating Budgets**

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

**VII. Public Comment**

No public comments were made at the meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Christine Espenshade at 5:38 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:15 pm at Central Library.