

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
6:15 PM –Central Library/ Hybrid

Trustees in Attendance	Not in Attendance		Staff in Attendance
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	Ms. Adams Mr. Boothe Mr. Hillman Mr. Miller		Ms. Daniel Ms. Bangura Mr. Felder Mr. Fried Ms. Graham Mr. Jenkins Mr. Johnson Mr. Kaiser Mr. Krabbe Mr. Lewis Ms. Mange Ms. McCorkell Ms. Monahan Ms. Moran Mr. Payne Ms. Raabe Ms. Reighard Ms. Scheuerman Ms. Sundermann-Zinger Ms. Vargas-Pile

- I. Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, June 8, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting
*****ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, June 8, 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, June 8, 2022 meeting.*****
- IV. Chair’s Remarks

Dr. Mychelle Farmer began her remarks by welcoming everyone to the first full Board meeting for the Pratt Library. Dr. Farmer thanked everyone for participating whether it be in person or remotely. Both formats offer the opportunity to hear updates from the library CEO, the staff, and the Boards. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that they are actively working on several activities. The Board is reaching out to the broader Baltimore community. Dr. Farmer expressed gratitude to co-chairs of the Community Services Committee, Dr. Allan Jensen and Dr. Maggie de Cuevas. They are planning a series of community visits to library branches, and the Pratt Advisory Council will also be active thanks to Ms. Nancy Dorman. Dr. Farmer thanked Mr. Fagan Harries for inviting the participation of the Baltimore Corps, and she hopes this will also open the door for deeper community relations. Dr. Farmer thanked the DEI Committee (led by Mr. Alexander Koff), another committee that also plans to branch out for broader opportunities for Board awareness concerning diversity, equity and inclusion. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that they have a very strong group of Board leaders who will work together to plan for the strategic plan review. These Board members are Ms. Nancy Hackerman, Mr. Jeff Scherr, Ms. Mary Ann Scully, and Mr. Jacob Hodes. Their leadership will guide the process for the Board, during the first phase. Everyone will be informed about the process throughout this fiscal year. The process will actively engage both the Board and the Pratt Library staff. Together, Dr. Farmer believes the Pratt can accomplish so much!

Dr. Farmer also thanked the members of the public for attending this meeting. Their voices matter to the Pratt, and the Board wants to listen to their perspectives.

Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by thanking CEO, Heidi Daniel. Last June, the Board Emeriti members generously hosted a reception to celebrate Ms. Daniel's first five years as the Pratt CEO. Today, Dr. Farmer is presenting a special gift to Ms. Daniel at this meeting, since an illness prevented Dr. Farmer from attending the June meeting. This gift was specially crafted by one of Baltimore's outstanding artists, Mr. Adiante Franzoon. Mr. Franzoon came to Baltimore from his home country of Suriname (South American). Mr. Franzoon's art is a great treasure, and Dr. Farmer is proud to present this gift to Ms. Daniel, as a representation of the Board's deep gratitude for her leadership and dedication to the Pratt Library and to the diverse community served by its 22 library branches.

V. Amendments to the Bylaws

- A request for a motion was made by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer to defer the vote to amend the Bylaws. The motion was made by Dr. Allan Jensen and seconded by Ms. Verna Jones-Rodwell. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Mark Hart expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the Reisterstown branch. Mr. Hart looks forward to the winter programs and wished everyone good health and fortune.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:50 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:15 pm.