

**ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**  
**6:15 PM – Zoom In lieu of Central Library**

Trustees in Attendance	Not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
Ms. Adams Ms. DeKuyper Ms. Dorman Ms. Farmer, Chair Mr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Koff Ms. Lasher Ms. Moser Mr. Reid Mr. Rosenberg Mr. Scherr	Mr. Aneckstein Mr. Boothe Ms. Espenshade Ms. Gohn Mr. Hillman Mr. Kaufman Mr. Miller	Ms. Daniel Ms. Forde Mr. Fried Ms. Graham Mr. Jenkins Mr. Krabbe Ms. Mange Ms. McCorkell Ms. Monahan Ms. Raabe Ms. Scheuerman Ms. Shimabukuro Mr. Wilson

- I. **Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM**
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, June 9, 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, June 9, 2021 meeting.\*\*\***
  
- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**

Dr. Mychelle Farmer began her remarks with a welcome to the first full Board meeting of new fiscal year - FY22; Dr. Farmer introduced and welcomed the two new Board members, Ms. Sheela Murthy and Ms. Maggie de Cuevas. Ms. Murthy and Ms. de Cuevas have already been actively involved with the Pratt Library, through the Board orientation and through committee assignments and special projects. Dr. Farmer acknowledged the other two new members who were elected earlier this year, Mr. Fagan Harris and Mr. Ajit Apte. Dr. Farmer believes the new Board members will bring further elevation to what is already an exceptional Board.

Dr. Farmer welcomed the inaugural class of Emeriti. Dr. Farmer is excited to have the five new Emeriti join the Board; they are Mr. Bob Killebrew, Ms. Peggy Heller, Mr. Jim Ulmer, Mr. Ed

Broady, and Ms. Sayra Meyerhoff. Although they are non-voting members, they will add great value to the Board discussions and deliberations.

Dr. Farmer highlighted the Pratt's celebratory mood; Govans Branch celebrated its 100th anniversary recently, and other branches are also celebrating special milestones. Dr. Farmer congratulated the staff and Board on their continuous hard work and dedication. The Board opened its celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month, by reading Like Water for Chocolate. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that it still has a few more weeks to celebrate this important cultural month, and that the Pratt Library is involved.

This month, the Community Services Committee had a great visit to Edmondson's Branch Library. Dr. Farmer thanked Dr. Allan Jensen and the Pratt Branch staff for this great visit. Dr. Farmer encouraged all Board members to participate in the Branch visits. Dr. Farmer believes if the Board members attend one visit each year they will learn a great deal, it will also deepen friendships among Board members and the staff.

Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by thanking all of the donors. Dr. Farmer remains thankful and understands how very persuasive the Development Committee is. The co-chairs are part of the "A-Team" within the Board. Board members Ms. Nancy Hackerman and Ms. Sarah Brandt as well as staff liaison Ms. Cynthia Monahan and her department are also great champions for the library. Dr. Farmer reiterated her gratitude for the donors, who are so generous. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that it has been entrusted with a great library, and it requires financial support to stay great. Looking ahead, Dr. Farmer noted the challenges that the Board has to face. Nevertheless, Baltimore is a wonderful city, and the Enoch Pratt Library will sustain its position as one of the best institutions in Baltimore and in the State of Maryland.

**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 some normalcy 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 6:37 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:15 pm via hybrid or Zoom.