

**ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
**6:15 PM – Zoom In lieu of Central Library**

Trustees in Attendance	Not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
Ms. Adams Mr. Boothe Ms. DeKuyper Ms. Dorman Ms. Espenshade Ms. Farmer, Chair Ms. Gohn Mr. Hillman Mr. Jensen Ms. Jones-Rodwell Mr. Kaufman Mr. Koff Ms. Lasher Mr. Miller Ms. Moser Ms. Rawson Powell Mr. Reid Mr. Rosenberg Mr. Scherr	Mr. Aneckstein	Ms. Daniel Mr. Jenkins Mr. Krabbe Mr. Lewis Mr. Malveaux 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 6:16 PM**
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 9, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, December 9, 2020 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 9, 2020 meeting.\*\*\***
  
- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**  
Dr. Mychelle Farmer began her remarks by informing the Board of how excited she is about the Pratt’s future. As of late February, Baltimore has the lowest incidences of COVID-19 for the entire state of Maryland. Truly, this reflects Baltimore City’s collective effort to stop this lethal pandemic. This spring, the Pratt will have a lot to celebrate! Dr. Farmer informed the Board that the Pratt has a new website, it was previewed in December. Dr. Farmer reminded the Board that

it's Baltimore's best Board and to remain ready to listen, learn, and lean in. Dr. Farmer informed the Board of new developments such as developing the pathway for Emeritus membership for Board members desiring to accept this designation. This plan is under construction with the help of the Governance Committee and with a small group of Board members who expressed an interest to assist with the process. Dr. Farmer and the Governance Committee will provide details on the criteria for Emeritus at the Annual Board meeting in June. Dr. Farmer informed that Board that the Pratt is also developing a Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Committee (DEI), and this group is also in the process of developing its goals and terms of reference. This will be an independent committee, and at the present time, the following Board members are participating: Ms. Sarah Brandt, Dr. Beulah Sabundayo, Ms. Patricia Lasher, Ms. Kate Rawson Powell, Mr. Alex Koff, Mr. Vernon Reid, and Dr. Mychelle Farmer. The DEI Committee will open new avenues of communication between the Pratt staff and the Board, consistent with the Pratt Library Strategic Plan. Dr. Farmer hopes to promote Board engagement as part of a Board learning agenda. It will also promote a strategy for Board members to talk to one another and to learn from one another as the Board "Listens, learns, and leans-in." Dr. Farmer concluded her remarks by sharing a poem entitled *The First Book* from Rita Dove, one of her favorite American poetesses. It reflects the wonder of discovery through reading and learning.

**V. Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws**

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board of Trustees took the following actions:

**\*\*\*ACTION:** The Board of Trustees approved the Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws.\*\*\*

**VI. Election of New Members of the Board of Directors**

Upon recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board of Trustees took the following actions:

**\*\*\*ACTION:** The Board of Trustees elected Mr. Ajit Apte and Mr. Fagan Harris to the Board of Directors, for an initial three-year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2024.\*\*\*

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

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

**VIII. Public Comment**

Mr. Mark Hart expressed gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary leadership of Ms. Heidi Daniel and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As the weather becomes warmer, Mr. Hart looks forward to the Pratt's limited but highly anticipated reopening.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Dr. Mychelle Farmer at 6:45 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:15 pm via Zoom in lieu of Central Library.