

**ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**  
**5:15 PM –Central Library**

Trustees in Attendance	Trustees not in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
<b>Mr. Brown</b> <b>Mr. Caplan</b> <b>Ms. De Cuevas</b> <b>Ms. Espenshade</b> <b>Dr. Farmer</b> <b>Dr. Jensen</b> <b>Ms. Jones-Rodwell</b> <b>Mr. Kaufman</b> <b>Ms. Lasher</b> <b>Mr. Naff</b> <b>Mr. Miller</b> <b>Mr. Scherr</b>	<b>Ms. Adams</b> <b>Mr. Boothe</b> <b>Ms. Gohn</b> <b>Mr. Hillman</b> <b>Mr. Koff</b> <b>Ms. Moser</b> <b>Mr. Reid</b> <b>Mr. Rosenberg</b>	<b>Ms. Bangura</b> <b>Ms. Box</b> <b>Ms. Graham</b> <b>Ms. Hall</b> <b>Mr. Hughes</b> <b>Ms. Kouwenhoven</b> <b>Mr. Krabbe</b> <b>Mr. Lewis</b> <b>Ms. McCorkell</b> <b>Ms. Monahan</b> <b>Mr. Paris-Santana</b> <b>Ms. Reighard</b> <b>Ms. Scheuerman</b> <b>Ms. Shumway</b> <b>Ms. Sundermann-Zingler</b>

- I. **Chair, Christine Espenshade called the meeting to order at 5:25 PM**
- II. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the Wednesday, March 6, 2024 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, March 6, 2024 meeting.\*\*\***
- IV. **Chair’s Remarks**

Ms. Espenshade began her remarks by welcoming the board to the meeting and thanking the Board for their attendance and participation at meetings and events. Ms. Espenshade bid farewell to outgoing director Nancy Hackerman and thanked her for her support of the Real Estate Committee. Ms. Espenshade reiterated the three-term system for Directors as written in the most recent Bylaws. Ms. Espenshade highlighted many of the successful events from the previous months, including Mr. Pratt Presents with David Brooks, Summer Break Baltimore

Kickoff, and Staff Day. Ms. Espenshade reminded Board members of an upcoming Pratt Society event at the Ivy Bookstore as well as the Roland Park Branch 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Ms. Espenshade clarified the Johnston Square Branch timeline, with groundbreaking on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and hoped to see Board members at the grand reopening of the Walbrook Branch. Ms. Espenshade congratulated Ms. Rachel Scheuerman for her work on these branch projects as well as her participation in the Metlib Learning Circle. Ms. Espenshade also highlighted the web team's support of these renovations by building a beautiful renovations webpage to create excitement for these projects.

Ms. Espenshade concluded her remarks by promoting continued attendance for committee and Board meetings. Ms. Espenshade looked forward to working with the Governance committee to create committee assignments over the summer. Ms. Espenshade thanked Mr. Ajit Apte for his help in creating connections with the Pratt and BGE, supporting the Library's needs.

**V. Election of Officers for the Boards of Trustees and Directors**

Dr. Beulah Sabundayo on behalf of the Governance Committee brought forth the nomination of new Board Officers for FY25, Ms. Christine Espenshade, Chair of the Boards of Trustees and Directors; Mr. Steven Boothe, Vice Chair of the Board Trustees; Mr. Jamar R. Brown, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; Dr. Beulah Perdue Sabundayo, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; Mr. Robert Nye, Treasurer; and Ms. Mary Ann Scully, Secretary.

**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nomination of Board Officers for FY25.\*\*\***

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

Dr. Sabundayo on behalf of the Governance Committee brought forth the nomination of Members for the Board of Directors for First Term, Dr. Ime Essien-Lewis; for Second Term, Mr. Ajit Apte, Ms. Margaret De Cuevas, and Ms. Elizabeth Moser; for Third Term, Mr. Steven Booth and Mr. James Dabney Miller.

**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the nomination of Ime Essien-Lewis as a new Member of the Board of Directors, the nomination of Board Members for a Second Term, and the nomination of Board Members for a Third term\*\*\***

**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. Approval of Trustees Budget**

The Trustees Budget Proposal stands as presented and can be viewed by Board Members on the Govenda platform. Mr. Jamar R. Brown motioned for approval, Ms. Verna Jones-Rodwell seconded the motion.

**\*\*\*ACTION: The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Trustees Budget for FY25.\*\*\***

**IX. Public Comment**

Mr. Mark Hart, as president of the Friends of Reisterstown Rd. Branch, thanked the Enoch Pratt Free Library staff for the completion of an accessibility ramp at the Reisterstown branch. Mr. Hart also wished to comment on the vitality of the neighborhood sidewalks. Mr. Hart cheered on the Orioles.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Christine Espenshade at 5:50 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:15 pm at Central Library.