



MINUTES
Berkeley Public Library - Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:30 PM
West Branch - 1125 University Avenue, Berkeley CA 94702

Board of Library Trustees:
Beverly Greene, President Sophie Hahn
Tanir Ami, Vice President Amy Roth
Priscilla Villanueva

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A copy of the agenda packet can be found at <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about/board-library-trustees>

A. Call to order: 6:36 PM

Present: Trustees Ami , Hahn, Greene, Roth and Villanueva

Absent: None.

Also Present: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services; Henry Bankhead, Deputy Director; Aimee Reeder, Communications Program Manager; Dia Penning, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Manager; Jacqui Rodriguez, Administrative Secretary.

B. Ceremonial Matters:

1. **President Greene** formally announces that Trustee Hahn's eight-year term as a member of the Board of Library Trustees concludes tonight. President Greene went on to express her gratitude and acknowledge Trustee Hahn for her leadership and support with a list of her contributions to the Board.
2. **Trustee Roth** acknowledges the length of Trustee Hahn's dedicated service to the Board, the Library and the City of Berkeley.
3. **Trustee Villanueva** thanks Trustee Hahn for being supportive, welcoming and encouraging during the trustee interview process.
4. **Trustee Ami** comments on Trustee Hahn's impressive eight-year tenure and she wishes her peace, extends her thanks for her contributions to the Berkeley Public Library organization.
5. Henry Bankhead, Deputy Director of the Berkeley Public Library, expresses his thanks and on behalf of the BPL presents Trustee Hahn with a certificate of appreciation in honor of her eight years of devotion and service to the Board of Library Trustees.
6. Trustee Hahn shares her love for libraries and thanks the Board.

C. Public Comments: 2 speakers

D. Comments from Library Unions:

1. SEIU, LOCAL 1021 (Community Services and PTRLA Units) – 0 speakers
2. SEIU, LOCAL 1021 (Maintenance and Clerical Units) – 0 speakers
3. Public Employees Union, LOCAL 1 – 0 speakers

E. Comments from Board of Library Trustees:

No comments from the Board of Library Trustees.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Roth/Ami) to adopt Resolution No. 24-107 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Vote: All ayes.

A. Approve Minutes of the November 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

From: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.

Contact: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 24-108 to approve the minutes of November 6, 2024 as submitted.

ACTION CALENDAR

A. Berkeley Public Library Rules of Use Policy Update

From: Dia Penning, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Program Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the revised Rules of Use Policy updating the policy previously approved on April 4, 2018.

Contact: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Hahn/Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 24-109.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Ami, Greene, Hahn, Roth. Noes: None. Abstentions: Trustee Villanueva.

B. Recommendation to Adopt Equity and Harm Acknowledgement Statement

From: Dia Penning, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to adopt the Equity and Harm Acknowledgement Statement for Berkeley Public Library, written by the History Subcommittee of RJAG (Racial Justice Advisory Group) at the Berkeley Public Library, publicly reinforcing the Library's commitment to equity and social justice.

Contact: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Hahn/Trustee Villanueva) to adopt Resolution No. 24-110 with revised language, replacing the term "ownership" with "acknowledge" in the second paragraph and adding the word "and staff" to the end of the same paragraph.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Greene, Hahn, Roth, Villanueva. Noes: None. Abstentions: Trustee Ami.

C. Personnel Change Report

From: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the creation of three new positions: two .75 FTE Library Assistants and one 1.0 FTE Library Specialist.

Contact: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Hahn/Trustee Roth) to adopt Resolution No. 24-111.

Vote: All ayes.

D. Collection Development Policy Update

From: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Approve a resolution adopting the revised Collection Development Policy updating the Library policy regarding collection development and maintenance in the Library, inclusive of updated language that is required to be incorporated in all California public library collection development policies per the California Freedom to Read Act AB 1825 by January 1, 2025.

Contact: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Roth/ Trustee Ami) to adopt Resolution No. 24-112.

Vote: All ayes.

III. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Monthly Library Director's Report

From: Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services

Action: Received.

IV. AGENDA BUILDING

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Future meeting topics identified include the library facilities report and technology roadmap.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Roth / Trustee Hahn) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All ayes.

Adjourned at 8:44 PM.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday, December 4, 2024 as approved by the Board of Library Trustees.

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secretary to BOLT

Tess Mayer, Director of Library Services, acting as

Attachments:

1. Berkeley Public Library Rules of Use PowerPoint