

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, HELD IN A ZOOM ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE IN HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY ON THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

----- Meeting Excerpt -----

1. Call to Order

President Abernathy called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and certified that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting had been given in the annual meeting notice, which was adopted at the July 28, 2020 meeting of the Library Board, which notice was provided to the Jersey Journal and the Hudson Reporter, was posted at the Library website and at Hoboken City Hall, and filed with the Hoboken City Clerk. The meeting notice was amended at the outset of the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) emergency to provide the telephone conference number and access code in advance of the scheduled meeting.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken:

Attendance	Present	Absent	Notes
Dr. Jerome Abernathy, President**	X		
Mrs. JoAnn Serrano, Treasurer**	X		
Ms. Susan Murcko, Secretary**	X		
Ms. Amanda R. Blaney**	X		
Ms. Jennifer Evans, School Superintendent's Designee***	X		
Mr. Jason Freeman, Mayor's Designee***		X	
Ms. Raakhee Mirchandani**		X	
Mr. Jack Silbert**		X	
Mr. Kurt Thoens**	X		

**Ex officio* under NJ state law.

**Present via remote connection.

Also in attendance were: Library Director Lina Podles, Facilities Director Michael Chapka, Recording Secretary Clark Matthews, library counsel Michael Cerone, Esq. and members of the library staff.

3. Matters Before the Board

--Dr. Abernathy: Explained the purpose of the meeting: With the retirement of the present Library Director on June 1, the board anticipates an interregnum before the selection and confirmation of a new Director. Because the trustees feel it is in the best interests of the library to appoint an interim Director beginning on June 1, 2021 through the date that a permanent Director has commenced employment, or such earlier date as the trustees may determine. Before the board for approval is a resolution to this effect.

---Ms. Murcko: Moved the board adopt the resolution authorizing appointment of an interim Library Director.

---Mrs. Serrano: Seconded.

---Adopted by roll call vote as follows: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 RECUSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Trustee	Yes	No	Recused	Abstain
Ms. Blaney	X			
Ms. Evans	X			
Ms. Murcko	X			
Mrs. Serrano	X			
Mr. Thoens	X			
Dr. Abernathy, President	X			

4. Adjournment

---Mrs. Serrano: Moved to adjourn.

---Ms. Blaney: Seconded.

---Adopted by voice vote as follows: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 RECUSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0