

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Aquaris Anderson, Tracy Jackson, Hank Kinsley, Tal Matalon, Carl Newman, Miranda Straubel, Willis Whichard

Absent: Ann McLain, kynita stringer-stanback

Staff: Claudia Aleman, Tammy Baggett, Lauren Doll, Stephanie Fennell, Anita Robinson

Guests: Carter Cue, Wynne Davis, Larkin Coffey, Donna Dyer, Shannon Johnson, Megan Koslofsky, Kyle Lampart, Abigail Mondragon, Ethan Tyler

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were shared regarding the hiring process for a new library director.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve June minutes: W. Whichard Second: T. Jackson

Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

**Location Reports**

Lauren Doll, Site Manager at East Regional, updated the Board on activities and events at her branch library. Claudia Aleman, Site Manager at Main Library, updated the Board on activities and events at Main.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

Library Director Search – Mr. Kinsley does not have any information on the hiring process, and it is unclear at this time whether there will be a search committee and if so the specifics of the committee. The position vacancy is expected to post the week of July 15 or soon after.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Appointment Recommendation – The board voted on a recommendation and Ms. Robinson will forward the recommendation to the Clerk’s Office.

**Committee Updates**

**Advocacy Committee (W. Whichard)**

The advocacy committee has not met.

**Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)**

The Board Development Evaluation Committee did not meet. Mr. Whichard, Ms. Matalon and Ms. McLain will participate in the orientation for the new board member.

**Nominating Committee**

The committee met to review applications for the open seat being vacated by Mr. Kinsley. The Committee voted on a recommendation to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. See Item III, New Business, above.

**SPECIAL REPORTS****Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)**

The Foundation does not meet during the summer months.

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends do not meet during the summer months.

**Library Reports (T. Baggett)**

Ms. Baggett provided updates on the locations.

**Resolution**

Mr. Whichard presented a Resolution of appreciation to Ms. Baggett-Best for her dedication and service to Durham County Library. He moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Newman. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

**Action Items**

- Mr. Whichard, Ms. Matalon and Ms. McLain will participate in the orientation for the new board member.
- Ms. Robinson will forward the vacancy recommendation to the Clerk's Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Whichard moved that the board adjourn, and that it do so in honor of Tammy Baggett-Best and with deepest appreciation for her long, able, and dedicated service to the Durham County Library as its Director; and that it do so, further, in honor of Hank Kinsley and with deepest appreciation for his long, able, and dedicated service to the Durham County Library as a Member and as the Chair of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 15 at Main Library.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.