

Franklin Park Public Library District  
Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2023

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Grieshamer at 7:16 PM.

Board members present: Betsy Chaidez, Kay Frey, Frank Grieshamer, Tina Hagerstrom, Jeremy Mazur, Michael Vallone, and Teresita Zaretsky

Board members absent: None

Staff members present: Vanessa Morrison, Acting Director and Marcin Wrobel, Acting Assistant Director.

Also present: Kelly Zabinski, Accounting Consultant, and two members of the public.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Disposition of Minutes**

Frey moved and Mazur seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 8, 2023, be approved. Motion #1 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 7, Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

**Financial Reports and Approval of Expenditures**

Vallone read the financial reports. Mazur moved and Chaidez seconded that checks #25295 to #25435 and two direct debits disbursed from the US Bank checking account in August, totaling \$48,475.97; August payroll liabilities, including payroll taxes, totaling, \$60,472.95; the July IMRF payment made in August was \$4,109.58, for a total of \$137,375.14 for operations for the month of August be approved. Motion #2 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

**Communications**

None.

**Committee Reports**

Frey reported that the Personnel Committee is in the process of holding second interviews for the Executive Director vacancy.

**Acting Director and Staff Reports**

Morrison's written report to the Board was included in the Board packet. Circulation Services, Public Services, and Technical Services departmental reports were also included.

**Unfinished Business**

**Annex: Contents and Condition**

There was no report.

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Taxing Issue

There was no report.

Secretary's Audit

The Board minutes were reviewed for the IPLAR.

**New Business**

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024

Mazur moved and Chaidez seconded that the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024. Motion #3 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

2024 Closures and Meetings

Grieshamer proposed that Juneteenth, June 19, be added as a holiday closure in 2024. Frey moved and Chaidez seconded 2024 holiday closures include June 19 and the Board meeting dates be approved. Motion #4 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Decennial Committee

The Board briefly discussed forming the Decennial Committee. Grieshamer made a motion and Hagerstrom seconded to table this until the October meeting. Motion #5 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 7, Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

**Closed/Executive Session**

Grieshamer proposed that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of certain employees[5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]. Frey moved and Chaidez seconded to go into Executive Session. Motion #6 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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**Open Session**

Grieashamer noted that all Board members present during the open session are present.

**Possible Vote on Executive Director Position**

Grieashamer motioned to hold a third interview with the finalists. There was no second.

Frey moved and Chaidez seconded Natalie be hired as the new Executive Director.

Mazur moved Suzanne be hired as the new Executive Director. There was no second.

Zaretsky moved and Mazur seconded that Vanessa Morrison be hired as the new Executive Director. Motion #7 carried. Voice vote: Aye - 4, Nay - 3, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Acting Director Morrison was asked to return. Grieashamer offered the Executive Director job to Morrison, contingent on a background check.

**Adjournment**

Hagerstrom moved and Chaidez seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion #8 carried. Voice vote: Aye –7, Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.