



**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 3:00pm  
McGuire Community Room  
610 Woodmere Ave., MI 49686

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Odgers 3:00pm. Present were: Odgers (President), Pakieser (Vice President), Deyo (Secretary), Jones (Treasurer), and Vickery (Trustees). Wescott was absent. Also present were: Zeits (Council); Howard (Director); Baldwin, and Carpenter (Staff).

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by Jones, SUPPORTED by Wescott, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

**4. Public Comment**

President Odgers asked Zeits (Counsel) to review the rules of public comment and then opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

It was MOVED by Pakieser, SUPPORTED by Jones, to open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Jones – aye	Odgers – aye	Deyo – aye
Pakieser – aye	Vickery – aye	Wescott – absent

Motion CARRIED with 5 ayes and 1 absent.

**5. Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget**

Trustees asked a number of questions including topics such as the increase in marketing funds with a literacy focus, personnel costs, digital books costs, professional and contractual services which were satisfactorily answered by Howard, Baldwin, and McKenna.

There was no public comment on the proposed 2024 budget.

**6. Resolution**

It was MOVED by Pakieser, SUPPORTED by Jones, to adopt the 2024 Budget Resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Jones – aye	Odgers – aye	Deyo – aye
Pakieser – aye	Vickery – aye	Wescott – absent

Motion CARRIED with 5 ayes and 1 absent.

It was MOVED by Vickery, SUPPORTED by Jones, to close the public hearing on the 2024 budget. Motion CARRIED.

**7. Consent Calendar**

- a. *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023*

- b. *Department Reports*
- c. *Finance and Facilities Committee Report – December 5, 2023*
- d. *Policy and Personnel Committee Report – December 5, 2023*
- e. *Financial Report*
- f. *Member Library Communications – FLPL | IPL | PCL*
- g. *Friends of TADL Report – Jud Barclay, President*
- h. *Correspondence*

It was MOVED by Jones, SUPPORTED by Pakieser, to remove item 7a, Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023 and to accept and affirm receipt of the balance of the consent calendar information. Motion CARRIED.

**8. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

Jones noted corrections need to the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023 including: both, roll call votes for items 9b and 9c incorrectly indicated that Deyo was absent, however he was present and voted aye. Pakieser also noted that the minutes date should read October 19, 2023 instead of September 21. Motion CARRIED.

**9. Director Report**

Howard indicated that the anticipated contentious meeting held in the McGuire Community Room on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, a paid rental of the room, was a peaceful event. Extra security was on site, as well as extra efforts by staff and community. The staff took away positive lessons and procedures for handling any similar future scenarios in the library’s public meeting spaces. Howard noted that the Main library had also experienced an aggressive paid petitioner on the premise. Patrons submitted their own complaints to the police. Zeits (Council) also worked with the prosecutor on this issue, however nothing more ensued as the petitioner’s timeframe for signatures had subsided.

**10. Old Business**

a. *Report on MLA Presentation*

In addition to the Community Change Driven by the Library Board and Library Director presentation slides that were included in the packet, Pakieser shared that her experience was excellent. There was a full house at the presentation, a lot of discussion, and it was well-received. She noted that there were not many trustees at the conference and would like to see more but enjoyed conversing with those that were in attendance.

**11. New Business**

a. *Minor Revision to Policies*

- i. *1.9 Freedom to Read Policy*
- ii. *1.10 Freedom to View Policy*
- iii. *1.11 Library Bill of Rights Policy*

Howard noted that this suggestion was a result of the MLA conference discussions to remove the words “ALA” from the policy under the premise that the statements are the library’s statements. Vickery was concerned with potential plagiarism by removing the source from the text of the policy. It was MOVED by Jones, to adopt the changes as presented in all three of the policies presented provided that the source citation was evident. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Jones – aye	Odgers – aye	Deyo – aye
Pakieser – aye	Vickery – nay	Wescott – absent

Motion CARRIED with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

12. **Public Comment**

President Odgers opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

13. **Trustee Comment**

Jones congratulated the library staff for their diligent job handling the contentious community discussion held the meeting room and noted that comments leading up to the discussion were taken in a manner that helped make the situation better for all parties. Deyo and Odgers echoed that sentiment.

14. **Closed Session (if needed)**

A closed session was not needed.

15. **Adjournment**

With a motion to adjourn by Jones, supported by Pakieser, President Odgers adjourned the meeting at 4:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by board vote on December 14, 2023

V. Carpenter, Recording Secretary

P. Deyo, Board Secretary

APPROVED