

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Normal Public Library
June 15, 2022**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal Public Library was held in the Community Room of the Normal Public Library, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm, President Jess Ray, presiding.

Members Present: Jess Ray, President, Katelyn Trunnell, Vice President, Erin Ripley-Gataric, Beth Robb, Lynda Lane, Amy Ersland

Ms. Lane motioned to allow Jd Davis, Secretary to attend remotely due to illness. Mr. Ray seconded.

Motion passed 6-0; Ms. Davis abstained.

Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: Brian Chase, Library Director, John Fischer, Adult Services and Circulation Manager

Community Members Present: Pam Reece, Town of Normal City Manager, Andrew Huhn, Town of Normal Finance Director

1. **Review of the Agenda:** No additions or corrections.
2. **President's Report:** Mr. Ray thanked the staff for all they do, especially during the busy summer season. After Executive Session, Mr. Ray added to his report his sentiments for Mr. Chase's departure. Mr. Chase responded with appreciation for the support, and discussion ensued on his plans.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**
 - Foundation:** The NPL Foundation will receive \$253,576.10 from the estate of Nancy Seidler, who passed away on February 24, 2022. Nancy was a passionate user of libraries. This is a transformational gift for the NPL Foundation.
 - Library Advocacy:** None
 - Library Planning:** None
5. **Library Director's Report:** Mr. Chase welcomed Pam Reece and Andrew Huhn. He informed the Board that this is his last meeting, as he has submitted his resignation. He gave kudos to the staff, and appreciation for their efforts. He then discussed the items in his report.
6. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2022**
 - B. **Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$151,016.70 for two May payrolls, and \$156,195.38 for expenditures as of June 8, 2022**

Ms. Lane moved to approve all items on the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Ms. Trunnell seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nonresident Card Fee

Mr. Chase and Mr. Ray explained the reason for the nonresident fee, and the reasons that NPL normally does not issue any.

Ms. Robb moved to approve the Nonresident Card fee of \$181.93. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

B. Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] Personnel

Ms. Robb moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Trunnell seconded.

Roll Call:

Jess Ray – Present

Jd Davis – Present

Katelyn Trunnell – Present

Erin Ripley-Gataric – Present

Lynda Lane – Present

Beth Robb – Present

Amy Ermland – Present

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:15 pm.

The Board called Mr. Chase into the discussion at 6:31pm.

C. Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)] Land Acquisition

The Board called Mr. Huhn, Ms. Reece, and Mr. Fischer into the Executive Session discussion at 6:54pm.

The Executive Session discussion was paused at 7:33pm for Mr. Ray to change the batteries in the recorder. The Executive Session resumed at 7:35pm.

Roll Call:

Jess Ray – Present

Jd Davis – Present

Katelyn Trunnell – Present

Erin Ripley-Gataric – Present

Lynda Lane – Present

Beth Robb – Present

Amy Ermland – Present

The Board exited Executive Session and returned to the Regular Meeting at 7:54 pm.

Ms. Robb motioned that the Board accept Mr. Chase's resignation and appoint Mr. Fischer Interim Director at the salary range \$130,579.75. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Abatement Update

Tabled.

B. Board Planning

Tabled.

10. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

None.

11. Board Comments and Concerns

None.

12. Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2022

13. Adjournment

Mr. Ray adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Secretary

Date