

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OUTGOING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DATE: May 15, 2023

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Blum House, Collinsville, IL

Call to Order

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Trustees present:

Mark Schusky, President

Laura Gottschalk, Vice-President

Cathy Kulupka, Trustee

Michael Treece, Jr., Trustee

Trustees absent:

Amanda Bender, Secretary

Ana Romero-Lizana

Marleen Suarez

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director

Matt Harris, Assistant Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input - None.

Consent Items

A motion to approve Consent Items in their entirety was made by Kulupka and seconded by Treece, Jr.

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes reviewed; no discussion or modifications.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Laura Gottschalk- Yes

Cathy Kulupka - Yes

Mark Schusky- Yes

Michael Treece, Jr. - Yes

Yes- 4, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 3

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- a. Administer the Oath of Office [75 ILCS 16/30-40(a)] for Recently Elected Trustees
Judge Andrew Carruthers administered the oath of office to Cathy Kulupka, Jeanne Lomax, Lisa McCormick, Kathy Murphy, and Ginny York.

Adjournment Sine Die

A motion was made by Gottschalk and seconded by Treece, Jr. to adjourn sine die.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Laura Gottschalk- Yes
Cathy Kulupka - Yes
Mark Schusky- Yes
Michael Treece, Jr. - Yes

Yes- 4, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 3

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DATE: May 15, 2023

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Blum House, Collinsville, IL

Call to Order

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Roll Call

Trustees present:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Trustees absent:

Ana Romero-Lizana

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Board Officers

McCormick moved and Murphy seconded to appoint Lomax as President.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

McCormick moved and Lomax seconded to appoint York as Vice President.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

York moved and Murphy seconded to appoint McCormick as Secretary.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

McCormick moved and Schusky seconded to appoint Kulupka as Treasurer.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

Public Input

Michael Treece, Jr. spoke in support of libraries and in support of offering diverse programs and collections.

Doug May spoke against partisan politics in library boards.

Lee Wathan spoke in favor of the new board; doesn't agree with the library's use of TikTok.

Dorothy Joyce spoke about reaching youth where they are on social media and putting good quality content onto those platforms to combat the negative.

Killian Weir spoke about his support of the library and is in favor of continuing to support everyone in the community equally.

Friends of the Library Updates

None.

Trustee Comments

McCormick shared that she is happy to be on the board and is ready to work with everyone.

Lomax echoed McCormick's comments and added that the library should be welcoming to all, but should not be pushing social agendas.

York agrees that the library should be a place for education and growth, but drag events do not provide that and groom children.

Consent Items

A motion to approve Consent Items in their entirety was made by Schusky and seconded by York.

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of April 17, 2023 **if not approved in the immediately preceding meeting*
[Recorder's note – these were approved at the immediately preceding meeting and therefore were not included in the Consent Items]
- b. Administrative Reports
 - i. Executive Director
Waltermire informed the trustees that she would be out of office May 23-29. She also shared that staff members Syd Blandon is retiring effective June 9 and Cecilia Leffler is retiring effective June 23.
 - ii. Assistant Director
Harris has been in the position for six days and is finding his feet.
- c. Finances
Waltermire explained the reports included in the packet and answered questions about them.
- d. Committee Reports – None.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 Related Updates
No updates. It was decided to remove this item from future agendas.
- b. Repairs and Updates to the Blum House (Collinsville Library Foundation)
Work on the porch, columns, and soffits will begin when the Foundation's contractor has time between paying work since he is providing services pro bono.
- c. Eagle Scout Project: Memorial Bricks by Historical Museum – No update.
- d. Disposal of Short Street Lot
Waltermire asked trustees to reach out to realtors they know about working with the library on this. An aerial view of the parcel provided through the county's parcel search program will be shared with trustees.

New Business

- a. Establish Meeting Date(s) for Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act
Almost all committee members were present and decided on June 8 at 6:30 PM in the Collinsville Library's Community Room for the first meeting.
- b. Discussion of MVLD Board of Trustees Meeting Dates and Times for FY2024
Board meetings will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM, with alternating locations, with the exception that meetings will be on the second Monday of the month when the third Monday is a holiday.
- c. Draft FY2024 Budget Presentation – For Informational Purposes
Waltermire reviewed the budget with the trustees, noting that it is still fluctuating as additional quotes and renewals are received.
- d. Freedom of Information Act, Open Meetings Act, and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Recently Elected Trustees
Waltermire reminded trustees that the Open Meetings Act training is due within 60 days of taking office and that the sexual harassment prevention training is due each calendar year. Freedom of Information Act training is not required, but is available through the same portal as the Open Meetings Act training for those who might be interested.
- e. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapter 7
This item was tabled and will be included with the June review of Chapter 8.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McCormick and seconded by Kulupka to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka
Jeanne Lomax
Lisa McCormick
Kathy Murphy
Mark Schusky
Ginny York

Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.