



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
New Tampa Regional Library
September 28, 2023

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Liz Hawley, Mary Kate Downing, Bob Argus, Curtis Brown, Alicia Guy, Abigail StClair and Michael Newett.

Member(s) Absent: Carmen Alvarez and Jessica Ocasio.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Renelda Sells, Kathleen Langevin, Melissa Lowe, Jasmine Qronfleh, Lauren Levy and Michelle Frasier.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present.

There were no presentations from the public.

A refresher of requirements for the Public Library Board members under the Sunshine Laws of Florida was presented by Mary Helen Farris, Hillsborough County Deputy County Attorney/General Counsel.

Minutes from the August 24, 2023 meeting were approved as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee once again presented the recommended slate of candidates for the Library Board officer positions and invited nominations from the floor.

Chair: Phyllis Alpert

Vice Chair: Maggie Mardirosian

Secretary: Liz Hawley

Following discussion, the Library Board voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers as presented. (motion by Ms. Mardirosian/seconded by Ms. StClair).

Staff reported that the BOCC Boards and Councils are reviewing the Library Board terms to bring them in line with Special Act 84-443 requiring staggered member terms within each district. The vacant District 4 position is also under recruitment.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2023 Budget report dated August 31, 2023 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding freight/postal and promotions, meeting room numbers, passport revenue and materials.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library Board was briefed regarding the Library's partnership with the Sulphur Springs K-8 school media center that is coming to an end by mutual agreement following a written request from the Hillsborough County School District. Following discussion, the Library Board unanimously voted in agreement with the action.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library's new Division Manager of Support Services, Renelda Sells, was introduced.

An update was provided on the Library Laptops for Families program. Free mobile data on the Chromebooks has been extended through June 2024 (previously set to end December 2023).

The staff report regarding minor access options will be presented at the October 18 BOCC meeting, and an update of the outcome will be shared with the Library Board.

The Director's report concluded by introducing New Tampa Regional Library's Branch Supervisor, Michelle Frasier, and by thanking the New Tampa Friends of the Library for providing refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library.