

**Rochester Hills Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 8, 2024**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held their annual meeting on Monday, January 8, 2023. The President called the meeting to order in boardroom at the library at 7:01 pm. The presiding officer was Madge Lawson.

A quorum of the board was present including Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Julianne Reyes, and Harper West.

Mr. Bonam was absent with prior notice given.

Guests included Library Director Julianne Morian, City of Rochester Liaison Alice Moo, and Oakland Township Library Board Liaison Michael Tyler.

One member of the public was present.

- II. On a motion by Ms. Lawson, which Ms. Kucher seconded, a slate of officers were presented for 2024:

- A. President: Melinda Deel
- B. Vice-President: Robert Bonam
- C. Treasurer: Madge Lawson
- D. Secretary: Anne Kucher

Ms. Lawson asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, called for a vote. The officers were unanimously elected as presented on the slate. Ms. Deel assumed the role of presiding officer at that point in the meeting.

- III. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board unanimously approved the proposed depositories. They are the same depositories as last year.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Lawson, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board unanimously reaffirmed the library's Financial and Investment plan, reaffirmed the library's Financial Procedures, and reauthorized the Finance Committee to manage library investments.
- V. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. West seconded, the board unanimously approved the vendor checks eligible for single signatures.
- VI. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. West seconded, the board discussed Bylaw changes:
- A. Ms. West proposed an amendment to the wording in Article III-Meetings, Section 2. Regular Meetings/Notices, subsection B. to read, "Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments shall be directed to the

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presiding officer, not toward other individual board members, the library director, staff, or other public person(s) in attendance. Board members shall not respond to public comments or question commenters. Individuals participating in public comment shall clearly state their name and municipality of resident. The meeting's presiding officer, with concurrence of the Board, may extend the duration of individual public comments."

- B. Discussion ensued and the board sentiment was that it would like to review the proposed changes with redline edits. Ms. Morian will confer with Ms. West to present the proposed changes at the next Board of Trustee meeting. Ms. West withdrew her motion to amend the Bylaws that evening.
  - C. Ms. Deel called for a vote on the original motion, and the board unanimously approved the Bylaws as presented with no changes.
- VII. On a motion by Ms. Lawson, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board approved the 2024 Planning Calendar and board meeting dates.
- VIII. On a motion by Ms. West, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board adjourned at 7:17pm

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Anne Kucher, Secretary