

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 9, 2023**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held their annual meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023. The President called the meeting to order in boardroom at the library at 7:02 pm. The presiding officer was Madge Lawson.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Julianne Reyes, and Chuck Stouffer.

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

- II. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Deel seconded, a slate of officers were presented for 2023:
- A. President: Madge Lawson
 - B. Vice-President: Melinda Deel
 - C. Treasurer: Robert Bonam
 - D. Secretary: Anne Kucher
 - E. Ms. Lawson asked if there were any nominations from the floor.
 - 1. Ms. Reyes offered an amendment to the motion and nominated Mr. Stouffer as president, Mr. Stouffer seconded it and discussion ensued.
 - a) Ms. Lawson called for a roll call vote to amend the original slate:
 - b) Bonam-Nay, Deel-Nay, Kucher-Nay, Lawson-Nay, Reyes-Yea, Stouffer-Yea. The motion to amend the slate failed to pass.
 - F. Ms. Lawson called for a voice vote on the original motion. The officers were elected as presented on the original slate by majority vote.
 - G. Ms. Reyes expressed a desire to change the bylaws per nominating slate.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board unanimously approved the proposed depositories. They are the same depositories as last year.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Ms. Kucher 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 Mr. Bonam, which Mr. Stouffer seconded, the board unanimously approved the vendor checks eligible for single signatures.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board discussed Bylaw changes:
- A. Change the wording in Article II-Officers, Section 5. Duties, subsection C. to read, "The Secretary shall be responsible for certifying a true and accurate record of all meetings of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as are generally associated with that office. The Board will designate a recording

secretary, such as the Library Director or other member present at the meeting, to keep a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the board meeting.”

B. Change wording in Article III-Meetings to reflect the following:

1. Section 2. Regular Meetings/Notices, Subsection B. to read, “Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments should be directed to the full Board, not a single individual or to public person(s) in attendance. Such person participating in public comment shall clearly state their name and municipality of residence. The meeting’s presiding officer, in concurrence with the Board, may extend public comments.”
2. Section 3. Special Meetings/Notice first sentence to read, “The President may call a special meeting with notification given to all Board members.”
3. Section 6. Quorum, remove the sentence that read, “Presence at a meeting can be in person or by conference telephone or any similar communications equipment through which all persons participating at the meeting can communicate with each other.”
4. Section 7. Voting, remove the sentence, “Presence at a meeting can be in person or by conference telephone or any similar communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other.”
5. Section 7. Voting, add a final sentence that reads, “Unless a vote is unanimous, those who voted yes or no will be recorded.”

C. Change wording in Article VI Finance, Section 7. Budget to read, “The Library Director shall be responsible for the presentation to the Board no later than July of each year a preliminary budget...”

D. Ms. Lawson called for a voice vote and the motion to accept the Bylaw changes as amended was unanimously approved.

E. Ms. Reyes inquired about changing the nomination of officers. The consensus was that once language was developed, it would be appropriate for Mr. Reyes to present that to the Board in a future meeting as a motion to consider.

VII. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board approved the 2023 Planning Calendar and board meeting dates.

VIII. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board approved adding the January 8, 2024 annual and regular meeting date to the approved calendar.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm