

WHARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

(prepared by Michele Howe)

January 23, 2024

7:16 Monthly meeting called to order by Michele Howe

Swearing in of New Board of Trustee Members: The Honorable Mayor Chegwiddden was in attendance to swear in new members Ana Jones & Colleen Pascale. Colleen was not present but will be given instructions to go to Town Hall to sign paperwork and be sworn in.

Roll Call:

- ❖ Present: Ana Jones, Deb DiMattio, Michele Howe, Leonor Vasquez
- ❖ Not Present: Colleen Pascale, Christopher Roman, Gale Frankel

Special Attendance: Mayor Bill Chegwiddden, Councilwoman Paola Vasquez

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

In compliance with Open Public Meetings Act: This meeting is being held in conformity to the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Proper public notice of this meeting was published in the StarLedger, on the Library's website, and social media pages.

1. New Officers for 2024 were nominated and voted in unopposed, as follows:

- **President:** Michele Howe (2nd by LV)
- **Vice President:** Deb DiMattio (2nd by LV)
- **Recording Secretary:** Colleen Pascale (2nd by AJ)
- **Treasurer:** Christopher Roman (2nd by DD)

2. Approval of December meeting minutes

- Motion – MH, second - LV

3. Financial Report

- Bills - \$7,808.25
- Resolution 2024-26: Approval of bill list and signing of bills. Motion – MH, second - DD

4. Public Portion –

- Councilwoman, Paola Vasquez, addressed the Board of Trustees to thank them for allowing her to serve on this Board as the liaison to the Mayor & Council
- Correspondence – **NONE**

5. Reports

- **President's report** – Michele Howe shared high level updates on reorganization of Board of Trustees & fundraising ideas for late Spring 2024.
- **Library Director's report** – Virginia Halprin shared metrics on programming, updates on facilities/repairs to roof & grant writing & State Report updates

6. Old business - NONE

7. New business – Ana Jones/Mayor Chegwiddden suggested we post Monthly agenda and previous month's minutes once approved, on Library's website. It was agreed this will commence in February 2024.

8:08 Motion to adjourn by MH, seconded by LV