

Board of Library Trustees Finance Committee Meeting Lower Level Small Meeting Room 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091 Thursday, May 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Trustees Sommer (Chair), Fishman (ex-officio), O'Keefe, Sennett

OTHER WPLD TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustee Cox

OTHER WPLD TRUSTEES NOT PRESENT: Trustees Di Lorenzo, Nealon

WPLD STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Auston (Director), Human Resources Manager Mike Boone, Finance

Manager Sandra Discepolo

VISITORS PRESENT: Liz Seager – League of Women Voters Wilmette

Meeting Purpose. Discuss second draft of Working Budget for FY2024-2025.

Call to Order and Roll Call. Committee Chair Sommer called the meeting to order at 10:04am and Director Auston called roll.

Public Comment. None.

Minutes of the May 3, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes. Trustee Fishman moved approval of the minutes as presented. Trustee Sommer seconded.

Aye – Fishman, O'Keefe, Sennett, Sommer

Nay - None

Not voting – Cox

Absent - Di Lorenzo, Nealon

Motion carried by Committee Members.

Presentations. None

Action Items. None

Discussion Items.

Review of Second Draft of Working Budget for FY2024-2025. Copies of the draft Working Budget (income and expenditures) for FY24-25 and supplemental narrative overview were posted and provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Trustee Sommer reviewed Andrew Kim's projections as well as the second draft budget. Director Auston presented the budget and narrative overview as well as Trustee Di Lorenzo's May 29, 2024 email with related feedback.

Closed Meeting.

Trustee Sommer moved the board to convene in a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am and was recorded. Trustee Fishman seconded.

Aye – Fishman, O'Keefe, Sennett, Sommer

Nay - None

Not voting - Cox

Absent - Di Lorenzo, Nealon

Motion carried by Committee Members.

The Closed Meeting convened at 11:25am and adjourned at 1:00pm.

Call the Open Meeting to Order and Call the Roll for Open Meeting.

Director Auston reconvened the Open Meeting to order at 1:01pm and called the roll. Four trustees were present.

Attendance: Trustees Fishman, O'Keefe, Sennett, Sommer

Absent: Trustees Cox, Di Lorenzo, Nealon

Staff Present: Anthony Auston (Director), Finance Manager Sandra Discepolo

Recommend to the Board in Open Meeting.

Trustees noted their consensus agreement with the proposed FY24-25 operating budget as presented, following detailed discussion of the draft. Trustees also noted approval of the personnel budget as discussed, and the proposed 4% cost of living increase for all staff. Trustees noted that staff have been, and should remain, mindful of potential cost savings associated with the digitization project, delayed/deferred hiring decisions, and maximizing operational efficiencies. Trustees noted and expressed their appreciation of all WPL staff.

New Business. None.

Adjournment. Trustee Fishman moved adjournment. Trustee Sommer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote of Committee Members. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08am and was recorded.

Tracy Sommer, Board Treasurer, Chair of the WPLD Finance Committee