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Terry Cleveland, Treasurer
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Georgia Public Library Special Trustee Meeting: Trustee Chair
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:30pm
Location: Georgia Public Library
MINUTES

Trustees Present: Kollene Caspers, Terry Cleveland, Nicole Jamison, Debbie Mann, Craig Volatile-Wood

Staff Present: Bridget Stone

Public Present: Kellie Bosenberg, Carolyn Branagan, Ray Mann

1. Call to order: 12:45pm- technical difficulties made the meeting inaccessible via Zoom and was not recorded.
2. Additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda.
 - T. Cleveland requested to add Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.
3. Determination of Georgia Public Library Chair
 - K. Caspers recapped the discussion of the Board at the last regular Trustee meeting and how to properly proceed in a new Chair taking seat after C. Volatile-Wood resigned as Chair of the Board of Trustees.
 - GPL Trustee Bylaws were unclear as to who would become the Chair after C. Volatile-Wood resigned. However, Roberts Rules of Order was clear the Vice Chair automatically succeeded in the office of Chair in case of that officer's resignation.
 - D. Mann, as Vice Chair, was willing to step into the role of Chair. However, some members of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director disagreed with that course of action.
 - Town Moderator C. Branagan was present to assist the Board in following proper meeting laws to seat the new Chair. C. Branagan explained the GPL Trustee Bylaws would dictate course of action. In the absence of clear direction from the Bylaws, then Roberts Rules of Order is the standard for municipal government to follow.
 - C. Branagan explained a vote can be taken to suspend the Trustee Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, and thereafter to vote in a new Chair, though it was rare and not the preferred course of conduct.

T. Cleveland made a motion to suspend the GPL Trustee Bylaws and to suspend Roberts Rules of Order for the purpose of selecting a Chair. C. Volatile-Wood seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: T. Cleveland, C. Volatile Wood, N. Jamison

Voting Nay: K. Caspers, D. Mann

- D. Mann asked for nominations for Chair candidates.
- T. Cleveland nominated N. Jamison for Chair.
- K. Caspers nominated D. Mann for Chair.
- D. Mann declared nominations for Chair closed.

- C. Branagan instructed D. Mann to choose a method of voting, and secret ballot was decided.
- GPL Trustees made their vote via secret ballot, and D. Mann chose K. Bosenberg to tally the votes.
- K. Bosenberg announced N. Jamison with three votes and D. Mann with two votes.
- N. Jamison accepted the position as Chair, to take effect as of the end of the meeting.

T. Cleveland made a motion to unsuspend the GPL Trustee Bylaws and to unsuspend Roberts Rules of Order. C. Volatile-Wood seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: T. Cleveland, C. Volatile Wood, N. Jamison, K. Caspers, D. Mann

4. Executive Session

Acting Chair D. Mann would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion to Move into Executive Session at 1:05pm

Motion made by T. Cleveland, Seconded by C. Volatile-Wood

Voting Yea: C. Volatile-Wood, D. Mann, K. Caspers, T. Cleveland, N. Jamison

K. Caspers left the meeting at 2:00pm

Motion to Exit out of Executive Session at 2:04pm

Motion made by T. Cleveland, Seconded by N. Jamison

Voting Yea: C. Volatile-Wood, D. Mann, T. Cleveland, N. Jamison

No action taken out of Executive Session.

5. Adjourn

T. Cleveland made a motion to adjourn at 2:05pm. C. Volatile-Wood seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: C. Volatile-Wood, D. Mann, T. Cleveland, N. Jamison