

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2023
Great Falls Public Library – Cordingley Room (Basement of the Library)
(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anne Bulger (via zoom), Ms. Jessica Crist, Ms. Sam DeForest (via zoom), Mr. Brad Eatherly, and Ms. Whitney Olson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Rae Grulkowski - Cascade County Commissioner

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Sara Linder-Parkinson, Ms. Susie McIntyre, Ms. Treva Higgins, Sara Kegel (via voom) and Mr. Aaron Kueffler

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Baker – GFPL Foundation Director, Ms. Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation liaison, Ms. Sue Warren – GFPL Foundation, Mr. Bob Kelly – Mayor of Great Falls (via zoom), Jenn Rowell – The Electric, David Murray – Great Falls Tribune, Rina Moore and Pete Fontana – Election Protection Committee, 7 Community Members via Zoom, 27 community members in person.

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 12 pm.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had additional items to add or remove from the agenda approval.

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items as presented. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

II. ELECTION LEGAL STRATEGY

Ms. McIntyre presented Mill Levy presentation slideshow and answered questions as they were asked.

Mr. Crist made a motion that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees delegates authority to the library director in consultation with the library board chair to determine whether or not to implement the legal strategy recommended by outside counsel Raph Graybill. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or

public comment. Community members Richard Irving, Jane Weber, Linda Madsen, Beth Cummings, Jen Minrs (sp?), Julie Bass, Jeni Dodd, Bill Marcy (sp?) and Sandra Merchant made public comments. Ms. McIntyre answered questions that were asked. Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed with Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other questions, upon hearing none she would entertain a motion.

Mr. Eatherly moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting.