

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members present: Cynthia Dunlop, Janet Gruwell, Jennifer Nielsen, James W. Rieckhoff, Yuliana Rivera Arce, Jeri Stahr, and Laura Steffen.

Others present: Kevin J. Kilmer, Director of Branch and Technical Services; and Mary Beth Schlabach, Interim Executive Director.

Staff present: Jeanne Glanders, Popular Materials Department Head; Laura Holland, Administrative Clerk; Eric Nord, Computer Services Department Head; and Trevor Wendzonka, Chief Marketing Officer.

Staff present via Zoom: Deb Bloom, Circulation Department Head; John Dawson, Senior Building Operations Manager; Jane A. Garoutte, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Mary Ann Kempa, Cleveland Branch Manager; Elizabeth Layman, Technical Services Librarian; and Susan Schroeder, Reference Department Head.

Guests present: Therese Geise, Bradley Company.

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elkhart Public Library was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by James W. Rieckhoff, President.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented. Jeri Stahr moved

THAT the Consent Agenda be adopted.

Jennifer Nielsen seconded. Motion: carried (7-0)

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

James W. Rieckhoff, President, noted that July 1 starts a new fiscal year for the library board. Next month will be the election for board officer positions. Board members are requested to inform him if interested in any position.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mary Beth Schlabach, Interim Executive Director, asked if there were any questions to her board report had no additional items.

Jeanne Glanders, Popular Materials Department Head reported on her longevity with Elkhart Public Library and how she transitioned to Popular Materials. There are 2 other staff members in her department, and together they have a combined 83 years of experience. She noted the change in collections over the years, including increases in digital media. In addition to maintaining audio visual materials and the fiction genres, staff also work the Info desk. She shared positive stories of patron interactions. The board were given a tour of the new CD display area and the expanded YPS space.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

Questions and Information from Board, Staff, and Guests

ADJOURNMENT

Jeri Stahr moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Janet Gruwell seconded. James W. Rieckhoff, President, adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elkhart Public Library at 6:02 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be June 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Osolo Branch Location, 3429 E. Bristol Street, Elkhart, IN.

Jennifer Nielsen, Secretary