

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ASBURY PARK LIBRARY
500 FIRST AVENUE ASBURY PARK, NJ 07712
JANUARY, 5 2023
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Diane Shelton Called meeting to order at 5:05pm

2. Moment of Silence

3. Statement by President

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, P.L.1975. Chapter 231, the Asbury Park Public Library has provided adequate notice by sending a notice of the time, date, location, and to the extent known, the agenda of this in-person meeting to the New Coaster on 12/22/22. Copies of this notice have also been placed at the City of Asbury Park and the Public Library's websites and bulletin boards.

4. Attendees:

Present: Diane Shelton President, Greg LaSala Vice President, Kerri Martin Secretary, Jen Souder Treasurer, Angela Ahbez-Anderson, Jacalyn Sharpe, Jan Sparrow

Absent: Werner Baumgartner

Staff: Kathleen Melgar, Nico Belott

Guest: Richard Shaklee, Attorney

5. Public Participation

Motion by Diane Shelton to open public participation at 5:06PM. 1st Angela Ahbez- Anderson. 2nd Greg LaSala. All in favor, motion carried.

No Public.

Motion by Kerri Martin to close public participation at 5:06PM. 1st Angela Ahbez-Anderson. 2nd Greg LaSala. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Board Reorganization

A. Nominations Received by Kerri Martin, Board Secretary

a. President

i. Diane Shelton, Jan Sparrow and Angela Ahbez-Anderson

b. Vice President

i. Jan Sparrow, Kerri Martin and Greg LaSala

c. Secretary

i. Kerri Martin and Jennifer Souder

d. Treasurer

i. Greg LaSala and Jennifer Souder

B. Nominations from Floor

a. No floor nominations

C. Election of Officers

a. President

i. ***Jan Sparrow and Angela Ahbez-Anderson withdrew.***

ii. ***Diane – Motion by paper ballot, 2nd by Angela. All in favor, motion carried.***

b. Vice President

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- i. ***Motion to accept Kerri Martin and Greg LaSala as nominees for vice president position made by Angela, 2nd by Diane.***
- ii. ***Greg – won votes***
- c. Secretary
 - i. ***Jen Souder withdrew.***
 - ii. Discussion about the responsibilities of the board secretary position. Richard Shaklee, Board Counsel, suggested a format of board secretary and recording secretary where a recording secretary could take the minutes and submit them to the board secretary for review and submission to the board for approval. Shaklee confirmed there is not a legal conflict of having a library staff member fill the role of recording secretary. There was then discussion about updating the Board bylaws to reflect this new arrangement.
 - iii. ***Angela Ahbez-Anderson made a Motion to nominate Kerri Martin as board secretary, Nico Belott as Recording Secretary. 2nd by Jackie Sharpe – 6 yes, 1 no, motion carried.***
- d. Treasurer
 - i. ***Greg LaSala withdrew.***
 - ii. ***Motion by Angela to nominate Jen Souder. 2nd Greg. All in favor, motion carried.***

7. Appointment and Approval of Committee Members – TABLED for Jan 19th Board Meeting.

Standing Committees – Board requests list of committees to be distributed prior to January 19th meeting.

Personnel	Budget & Finance	Building & Grounds
Policy & Governance	Strategic Plan	

8. Approval of Legal Services for 2023

A. Designation of Library Board Attorney

- a. ***Motion by Diane Shelton to accept the proposal for Board Counsel presented by McLaughlin Stauffer & Shaklee, P.C. 2nd by Jackie Sharpe. All in favor, motion carried.***

9. Public Participation (3 minutes)

Motion by Angela Ahbez-Anderson to close public participation at 5:31PM. 2nd by Greg. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Items from Individual Board Members

- Greg asked about the Superintendent appointee. – Diane Shelton reported she sent an email requesting information.
- Diane Shelton – Springwood Avenue Rising presents a round table discussion to be held on January 13, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers from 6pm-8pm.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Greg to adjourn at 5:35PM. 2nd Angela. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Nico Belott, Recording Secretary and Kathleen Melgar, Library Director