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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

President Lee Maternowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Trustees present: Tim Burns, Isela Catania, JoAnn Shafar, Eileen Valentino, Mary Vitale, and Renee Weiland. Also present: Debra Nelson, Library Director; Rick Avalos, Head of Building and Security Services; Josh Fulkerson, Network Administrator.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Independent Construction Services. Trustees expressed that they would like Dan Eallonardo to be present at board meetings throughout all phases of the project. They also requested clarification on whether the company would receive additional compensation if the project extends beyond 18 months, and asked for information on opting out of the agreement if necessary.

Trustee Weiland moved, and Trustee Burns seconded, that the Board approve hiring the company as the Library's Owner's Representative for the upcoming construction project, pending requested clarifications prior to signing the contract.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYES: None

The board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Unattended Children policy, which will be considered for approval at the October board meeting. Discussion centered around raising the age threshold. Trustees Valentino and Shafar advocating for increasing the age limit from 7 to 9, while the other members supported a change from 7 to 8 years old. Overall, the Trustees responded favorably to the proposed policy update.

Director Nelson reported ongoing service issues with hotspots provided by Mobile Beacon. She recommended switching back to Verizon, which had previously offered more reliable service, despite being more expensive. The Trustees agreed that providing a dependable service to patrons is a priority and expressed support for the change, even if it cost more. A proposal for hotspot services through Verizon will be on the October 7, 2025 agenda for the Board's consideration.

Director Nelson informed the Trustees that she will be out of the office, Sept. 26- Oct. 3, 2025.

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board exit the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Valentino, Secretary