

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 30, 2022

The Trustees of the Portsmouth Public Library met in special session this date at 3:03 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a pending or imminent court action with legal counsel in accordance with R.C. 121.22(G)(3). On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Tamela Morton – President of the Board; Dr. Charles Kemp – Vice-President of the Board; Mrs. Kara Tieman – Secretary of the Board; Jennifer Schackart – Board Member, and Mr. Ryan Salmons – Board Member. Ms. Ruthann Brush – Board Member, joined the meeting via Zoom Conference Call. Representing the library were Paige Williams – Director and Keely Woloschek – Deputy Fiscal Officer. Dylan Markins – Fiscal Officer joined the meeting via telephone and Linda Berry – Deputy Director joined the meeting via Zoom Conference Call.

Public Comment

Public Comments were heard at the beginning of the special meeting. The following people spoke during the public comment section of the meeting in regards to the Pride book display and in response to public comments made at the June 21st special meeting: Bennie Blevins and Sharon Bender.

Executive Session

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mr. Salmons, to enter into executive session at 3:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a pending or imminent court action with legal counsel in accordance with R.C. 121.22(G)(3). On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; Mrs. Schackart, yes and Dr. Kemp, yes.

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mr. Salmons, to exit executive session and resume special session at 4:43 p.m. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; Mrs. Schackart, yes and Dr. Kemp, yes.

New Business

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mr. Salmons, Paige Williams is directed to send current versions of the following policies to the board for their review: Display, Exhibit & Bulletin Board Policy, Programming Policy and the Request for Reconsiderations Policy. The board will then respond back to Paige Williams by July 7th, updates will be reviewed by legal counsel and the changes will be discussed at a Policy Committee meeting. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; Mrs. Schackart, yes and Dr. Kemp, yes.

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mrs. Schackart, Paige Williams is directed to check with other libraries in the area about whether they have a parenting section and if they have a parenting section, what types of books are included in that collection. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; Mrs. Schackart, yes and Dr. Kemp, yes.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, adjournment was taken at 4:47 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2022.

Approved by Board at July 19th meeting, will be signed at August 16th meeting.

Tamela Morton, President

Kara Tieman, Secretary