

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
June 26, 2023

Members

Stephanie Oden, President
Mary Baker
Stephanie Carrell
Alan Girton
Karen Sosbe
Cathy Stover

Others

T. J. Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director
Rita Bates, Head of Finance
Heather Dale, Admin Assistant
Trina Evans*
Trisha Shively
Aaron Smith*

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:30 p.m. with six members present. (Board members, Ms. Brautigam, Mr. Workinger, Ms. Bates, Ms. Shively, and Ms. Dale attended in person. All others* attended virtually via Zoom.)

There were no public comments in person or via Zoom meeting software chat.

Ms. Brautigam announced that meetings are now being recorded (video and audio) due to an upcoming change in the law.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports and agenda): Minutes of regular May meeting; May statistical report; May 9 – June 20 appropriations report; May financial report; May 9 – June 20 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Ms. Baker and a second by Ms. Carrell, by the following vote (aye –Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Girton, Ms. Sosbe and Ms. Stover.)

The date to finalize the attorney evaluation was moved to the June executive session this year following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Baker. The vote was as follows: aye –Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Girton, Ms. Sosbe and Ms. Stover. Mr. Rethlake explained that this action will amend the timeline for this year, but the Board By-laws will need to be revised if the process is to be changed for the future.

The 2024 Budget Preparation and Adoption Timeline (see timeline) was reviewed.

The board reviewed progress to the Equity Action Plan (see report).

Head of Adult & Teen Trisha Shively gave a thumbnail sketch about the upcoming Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit and its programming events. She noted that KHCPL is one of 50 locations in the United States to host the exhibit.

There was no other new business.

Under director's comments, · Ms. Brautigam announced that signups for the Summer Reading Program this year (as of June 22) are higher than all of last year. · Ms. Brautigam noted that the August board meeting will be held at KHCPL Russiaville. · Ms. Brautigam explained that the strip of property adjacent to KHCPL Russiaville previously offered to the library was found not to be owned by the town of Russiaville. A title search has been completed and she will update the board once more is known.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session [IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)] for performance evaluations at 4:55 p.m.

Cathy Stover, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Heather Dale.]

The next regular meeting will be on **Monday, July 17** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Main.