

Minutes of WFPL Board of Governance Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, August 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.  
Molino Library, 6450-A Highway 95A  
Molino, FL 32577

Board Members:

- Lori NeSmith, Library Board of Governance, Chair
- Liza Campbell, Library Board of Governance, Member
- John Bullock, Library Board of Governance, Member
- Robin Reshard, Library Board of Governance, Member
- Kenneth “Blaine” Wall, Library Board of Governance, Vice Chair (Absent)

Administration Present:

- Todd Humble, Director of Library Services
- Christal Bell-Rivera, Deputy Director of Library Services
- Tricia Sheridan, Director’s Aide

I. Call to Order

- Ms. NeSmith called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
- Proof of Publication was received.
- Quorum is present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. NeSmith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

III. Public Forum

- Devin Cole
- Chiara Chappotin

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved as written.

V. Approval of Minutes

- Mr. Bullock made a motion to approve the July 22, 2024, minutes. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## VI. Chairman's Report

- The Kid's Votes Count program "hit it out of the park".
- Friends of the Public Library Book Sale is September 27-29<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. Manager's Report

- Rachel Nicholas-Kahalley, manager of the Molino Library, shared the library's mission and presented a slide show of Molino events.

## VIII. Library Director's Report

- Revenue and expenditures reports were presented.
- Brownsville Library is faced another delay. Opening slated for November/December time frame.
- Book vending machines are being considered for all locations.
- Contracted work has begun on the Pensacola Library to repair Hurricane Sally damage.
- Spending from the book budget was behind but has been caught up.
- Discussion amongst the board members and the Director regarding books that have been questioned by the public. Only one book out of the collection of 350,000 has been relocated. The library considers the publisher's recommendations for placement in the collection. Parents decide what books their child can check out. We follow a process for review and do not ban books. The board has the power to make recommendations, not override the Director's decision.

## IX. Old Business

- Director's Evaluation  
The discussion regarding the Director's evaluation was moved to the September meeting.

## IX. New Business

- The Collection Policy was reviewed. A motion to approve the revisions of the Collection Policy was made by Mr. Bullock. Seconded by Ms. Reshard. Passed unanimously.

- A separate discussion was held regarding the library material appeal process that did not require board approval.

X. Open Board Discussion

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Books By the Bay Festival has been scheduled for March 29, 2025.
- Ms. NeSmith asked for additional discussion about the book Not He or She, I'm Me. The board recognized the placement as different viewpoint to not have it in the children's area. However, parents still have access to the book, if they so choose. The board affirms his decision.

XI. Next Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024, 4:00 p.m. at the Bellview Library, 6425 Mobile Highway, Pensacola, FL 32526.

- XII. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Reshard. Seconded by Ms. Campbell. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.