

**Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Online Meeting Held via Zoom Webinar  
July 29, 2020**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Lansford.
2. Members present: Maryka Baraka, Katie Blakeman, Trisha Crowley, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, Minnie Pearson, and Greg Stock

Members absent: Craig Rost

Library staff present: Donna Pittman, Amy Al-Shabibi, Jill Bouvet, Nanette Donohue, Kristina Hoerner, Brittany Millington, Samantha Penrose (Morrow), Evelyn Shapiro, and Brandon Stokes

Visitors present: Kathryn Cataldo, Natalie Frankenberg, Courtney Bunting, Jeffrey Johnson, Jen Lask, and Patrick Morrow

3. Approve the Agenda:
  - MOTION by La Due to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Pearson. Roll call vote was obtained. All: Aye.
4. Proposed Temporary Rules of Conduct Change:
  - Hoerner read a comment from Patrick and Samantha Morrow regarding the proposed Rules of Conduct rule for children age 15 or under that must be accompanied by an adult, age 21 or older, while visiting the Main Library.
  - Hoerner received a second message from Patrick and Samantha Morrow stating they are Champaign residents.
  - Pittman stated that Unit 4 schools will start on August 24 with dismissal before noon for middle schools. There could be 150 or more students attending Edison on a given day. The library is not in a position to provide supervision for groups of children or unattended children. The proposed Rules of Conduct change requiring that visitors age 15 and under be accompanied by an adult caregiver, age 21 or older, would be in the best interest of safety for children, our staff, and library visitors. Unit 4 administrators and the principal of Edison School are willing to help notify parents, students, and teachers about this change, which would be temporary until our region reaches Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan.
  - A discussion followed.
  - MOTION by Pearson to approve the policy as presented; seconded by Malik.

- La Due suggested an amendment to the motion to change the language to caregiver over the age of 18.
- Lansford called for a roll call vote on Pearson’s motion for children age 15 or under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult, age 21 or older as written, in the Temporary Rules of Conduct.

Roll call vote:

Baraka: No  
 Blakeman: No  
 Crowley: Yes  
 La Due: No  
 Lansford: Yes  
 Malik: Yes  
 Pearson: Yes  
 Stock: No

- It was a tie vote and did not pass.
- Lansford requested that a second motion be proposed.
- MOTION by Stock to approve the policy with the exception of changing the age requirement from 21 to 18 as discussed; seconded by La Due.
- Roll call vote:  
 Baraka: Yes  
 Blakeman: Yes  
 Crowley: Yes  
 La Due: Yes  
 Lansford: Yes  
 Malik: No  
 Pearson: Yes  
 Stock: Yes
- The vote is all aye (7) and nay (1). The motion passed.
- Hoerner indicated there were follow up questions from Patrick and Samantha Morrow.
- Cataldo confirmed that there could be one comment for Patrick and one for Samantha. For the general comment time, the same applies for one comment for Patrick and one for Samantha.

5. Comments from the Public:

- Hoerner indicated that Patrick commented that teens seem compliant so far.
- Hoerner read Samantha’s comment asking if the library would be checking ID’s as the policy is written.

6. Comments from the Board:

- Stock thanked everyone for the thoughtful, productive, discussions in terms of trying to be responsible to our public who need library services.
- Blakeman agreed with Stock and appreciated the Board's ability to talk productively about these very difficult issues.
- Malik stated he was not completely unhappy to be outvoted but thinks we are setting the library staff up for a difficult time. He fears we are going to be asking a lot of our library staff.
- Pearson stated she is very conscious of our membership, our board members, and how we are sensitive to one another. She appreciated the comments.
- Baraka stated it's like having a family discussion. She asked about the Rules of Conduct item #9.
- Pittman confirmed that item #9 would be revised and will be reinstated when we are through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Cataldo indicated that the Rules of Conduct should be added as an agenda item for the next meeting to formally amend it.
- Lansford thanked everyone for their comments.

7. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Lansford, President

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Michael La Due, Secretary

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Jill Bouvet, Recorder