

MINUTES

GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Saturday,

February 1, 2025

The Special Meeting of February 1, 2025 was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Suny Mellawa.

1. President Suny Mellawa asked for the Roll Call:

Present:

President, Suny Mellawa (Left early – 2:50 PM)

Vice President, Thomas Derr

Secretary, Michael Kupec, Jr.

Treasurer / Mayor Everett E. Garnto's Alternate, Kathy Grzywnowicz-Muniz

Trustee, Berti Shenderasi (Arrived late - 2:00PM)

Trustee, Paola Lebowitz

Absent:

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Tomko

Mayor, Everett E. Garnto

Alternate for Superintendent Richard Tomko, Marie Marx

2. President, Suny Mellawa read the following statement:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1976, adequate written notice of this meeting, together with the agenda of this meeting is to be: permanently posted on the Board's officially designated public bulletin board, located in the Garfield Public Library lobby, 500 Midland Avenue, in the City of Garfield delivered to the Passaic Herald News, and the Community News, newspapers circulating in the City of Garfield, filed with the City Clerk of the City of Garfield; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice, pursuant Section 14 of Chapter 231, Laws of 1976.

3. Suny announced that the purpose of our meeting today is to interview a candidate for the position of Director of the Garfield Public Library. Andrew Luck is the candidate. Suny asked for a motion to commence the interview.

Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Paola to commence the Andrew Luck interview. Motion passed.

The interview commenced. Trustees, for approximately 90 minutes, proceeded to ask Andrew Luck questions pertaining to his career history.

Andrew Luck was given the opportunity to ask questions of the Trustees.

The Board of Trustees thanked Andrew Luck for meeting with us.

Suny asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

Motion made by Michael and seconded by Thomas to go into closed session. Motion passed.

4. Closed Session

President Suny Mellawa excused herself at approximately 2:50PM.

Vice President Thomas Derr ran the balance of the meeting.

5. Close of Closed Session

Thomas asked for a motion to close the Closed Session.

Motion made by Paola and seconded by Kathy to close the Closed Session.

Thomas asked for a motion to table offers to any Director candidates as other candidates are being considered.

Motion made by Michael and seconded by Kathy to table any Director offers as other candidates were being considered. Motion passed.

5. Adjournment

Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 3:42 PM made by Berti and seconded by Michael. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kupec, Jr.

Trustee / Secretary