

MINUTES

GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday,

April 15, 2025

The meeting of April 15, 2025 was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice President Tomas Derr.

1. Vice President, Thomas Derr asked for the Roll Call:

Present:

President, Suny Mellawa (Arrived at end of meeting)

Vice President, Thomas Derr

Secretary, Michael Kupec, Jr.

Trustee, Paola Lebowitz

Trustee, Berti Shenderasi (via Zoom)

Alternate for Superintendent Richard Tomko, Marie Marx (via Zoom)

Interim Director, Keith McCoy

Absent:

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

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Tomko

Mayor, Everett E. Garnto

2. Vice President, Thomas Derr 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. GUESTS WERE WELCOMED

Donna Miller

Salvatore Lagattuta

Nikola Shurteski

4. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

Vice President, Thomas Derr announced that the purpose of this meeting is to appoint a Library Director and approve the Director contract as drafted by our attorney.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Thomas Derr asked that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. SEARCH COMMITTEE

After some discussion of Jeffrey Cupo's qualifications, Thomas asked for a motion to appoint Jeffrey Cupo the Library Director effective May 12, 2025 at an annual salary of \$106,000.00.

Motion made by Marie and seconded by Michael to appointment Jeffrey Cupo as the Library Director effective May 12th at an annual salary of \$106,000.00. Motion passed.

(President, Suny Mellawa arrived at approximately 7:20PM)

Suny asked for a motion to approve the Library Director contract as drafted by our attorney.

Motion made by Michael and seconded by Thomas to approve the Library Director contract as drafted by our attorney. Motion passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suny asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

Motion made by Michael and seconded by Thomas to open the meeting to Public Comments. Motion passed.

It was suggested that we have a "meet the director" type event to introduce Jeffrey Cupo to the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:25PM made by Michael and seconded by Thomas. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kupec, Jr.

Trustee / Secretary