

MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY – Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the Muskegon Area District Library Board was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 9:30 p.m. at the Muskegon Area District Library Norton Shores Library, 705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, Michigan 49441. Staff present: A. Bodbyl-Mast, M. Chandler-Nash, J. Endres, M. Higginbottom-Johnson, D. Hughes, H. Pelkey, S. Rinsema-Sybenga, L. Simmons, A. Susalla, and K. Wisniewski.

B. Scolnik, Interim Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: L. Aerts, K. Arter, J. Hodges, K. Richards, B. Scolnik, R. Vanaelst (Quorum)

Absent: A. Williams

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hodges, Second by Richards

That the MADL Board approve the Agenda, as presented.

Motion Carried

Library Director Interviews with Bradbury Miller Associates

Candidate #1 – Interview commenced and 10:11 a.m. and ended at 11:03 a.m.

Motion by Hodges, Second by Richards

Move to take a short break and reconvene for Candidate #2 interview.

Motion Carried

Candidate #2 – Interview commenced and 11:20 a.m. and ended at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Hodges, Second by Richards

Move to break for lunch and reconvene for Candidate #3 interview.

Motion Carried

Candidate #3 – Interview commenced and 12:50 p.m. and ended at 1:35 p.m.

Motion by Aerts, Second by Hodges

Move to take a short break and reconvene to discuss the interviews and determine a finalist.

Motion Carried

The meeting reconvened at 2:17 p.m. Board discussed the interviews and determined a finalist.

Motion by Vanaelst, Second - none

Move to authorize Bradbury Miller Associates to extend an offer of employment to Betty Adams for the position of Director and to negotiate on behalf of the Board of Trustees as directed. If Adams declines the offer, the board authorizes Bradbury Miller Associates to enter negotiations with Sara Morrison.

Motion by Hodges, Second by Arter

Move to authorize Bradbury Miller Associates to extend an offer of employment to Sara Morrison for the position of Director and to negotiate on behalf of the Board of Trustees as directed. If Morrison declines the offer, the board authorizes Bradbury Miller Associates to enter negotiations with Betty Adams.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: L. Aerts, K. Arter, J. Hodges, K. Richards, B. Scolnik

Abstain: R. Vanaelst

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.