

**White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
January 27, 2021**

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Schwarz via Zoom.

Attendees

Trustees Present: D'Ambrosio, Furth, Haynes, Matthews-Serra, Scherer, Schwarz and Summers. Trustee Apologies: Barrera and Ricca. Also Present: Library Director Brian Kenney, Assistant Library Director Degyansky, Foundation Executive Director Nancy Rubini, and Library Director's Secretary, Sandra McDaniel. Guest: Bill Deierlein, Business Manager, Observers: Beth Kava, Miriam Turkel

New Business

President Schwarz said the purpose of the meeting was to review and vote on the Library Budget for FY 2021/2022.

Library Director Kenney emailed the Board, in advance of the meeting, a detailed explanation on the proposed cuts to the budget and asked the Board for their feedback. Mr. Kenney noted that the City has asked that the Library reduce its budget by 10%. Library Director Kenney stated that the proposed budget cuts would reduce our materials budget and significantly impact our hours of operation. The Board reviewed the budget and offered suggestions as to possible areas for reduction. A board member asked about debt services and Business Manager Deierlein responded that debt services costs would begin to decrease since all the construction projects have been completed. On a MOTION by Trustee D'Ambrosio, seconded by Trustee Summers, the Library Budget for FY 2021/2022 was adopted as presented and revisions could be made if necessary. All were in favor. Library Director Kenney remarked that he would communicate the impact these budget cuts would have on the Library. The Board offered to attend the Common Council Review of the budget, if necessary. President Schwarz thanked Library Director Kenney and Business Manager Deierlein for their work on the budget.

Adjournment

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on a MOTION by Trustee D'Ambrosio, seconded by Trustee Summers. All were in favor.

Yuki Haynes, Secretary
Library Board of Trustees