

Minutes

Library Board of Trustees
Organizational Meeting July 13, 2023

J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library
157 Main Street
Appomattox, VA 24522
(434) 352-5340

Members Present

Susan Williams
Evelyn Ford
Brandon Barney
Nancy Jo Billings
Hope Adams

Others Present

Katharine Bloodworth, Interim Director / Public Services Specialist
Martha Charte, Technology Specialist / Cataloger
26 other guests

Call to Order

Interim Director Katharine Bloodworth called the organizational meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Objection to the Agenda

Nancy Jo Billings objected to the agenda. Ms. Billings' objection was that there was no addressing of old business including the selection of materials that were in question from June.

Nominations for Chairperson

Katharine Bloodworth stated: "Nominations for the election of a Chairperson for the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library's Library Board is now open".

Susan Williams nominated Evelyn Ford for the position of Chairperson.

Hope Adams nominated Brandon Barney for the position of Chairperson.

With no more nominations Katharine Bloodworth stated "I hereby close the nominations".

A vote in the order of nominations was made

In favor of Evelyn Ford, the vote is as follows:

Nancy Jo Billings Yes

Susan Williams Yes

Evelyn Ford Yes

With 3 votes in favor of Mrs. Ford the vote carries to make Evelyn Ford Chairperson.

Nomination for Vice Chairperson

Evelyn Ford stated: "Nominations for the election of the Vice Chairperson for the Library Board is now open".

Hope Adams nominated Brandon Barney

Evelyn Ford nominated Susan Williams

With no more nominations Evelyn Ford stated "I hereby close the nominations".

A vote in order of nominations was made.

In favor of Brandon Barney

Nancy Jo Billings	Yes
Hope Adams	Yes
Brandon Barney	Yes

With 3 votes in favor of Mr. Barney the vote carries to make Brandon Barney Vice Chairperson.

Closed Meeting

Chairperson Evelyn Ford made a motion to adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues as permitted by VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

Seconded by Vice Chairperson Brandon Barney.

Evelyn Ford amended her motion to include County Administrator Susan Adams into the closed meeting.

Seconded by Brandon Barney.

Objection to the Closed Meeting

Nancy Jo Billings objected to going into a closed meeting, voicing her concerns that the public had a right to hear what personnel issues were to be discussed and should be made public.

Vote is as Follows:

Nancy Jo Billings	No
Evelyn Ford	Yes
Brandon Barney	Yes
Susan Williams	Yes
Hope Adams	Yes

Ms. Nancy Jo Billings refused to join the closed meeting in protest as she objected to the inability to question Martha and Katharine before voting upon compensation. At 4:10pm, 4 of the 5 board members and Susan Adams adjourned to a closed meeting.

At 4:28pm, those in the closed meeting returned to the open meeting. Evelyn Ford took a roll call vote for the following question: "Do you certify that to the best of your knowledge that the only matters discussed in the closed meeting were matters exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and that only such personnel matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting?"

Vote is as Follows:

Nancy Jo Billings	Abstained
Evelyn Ford	Yes
Brandon Barney	Yes
Susan Williams	Yes
Hope Adams	Yes

Brandon Barney made the motion to accept the terms of continued compensation for the interim director Katharine at \$1,000 extra per month, and compensation of \$300 extra plus mileage per month to Martha.

Motion Seconded by Susan Williams.

Vote is as follows:

Nancy Jo Billings	Abstained
Evelyn Ford	Yes
Brandon Barney	Yes
Susan Williams	Yes
Hope Adams	Yes

Meeting Adjournment

Brandon Barney made a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library. Seconded by Evelyn Ford.

Objection of Adjournment

Nancy Jo Billings objected to the adjournment as she wanted to express her opinion that there was a need for a public forum to have Martha and Katharine questioned.

The vote is as follows:

Nancy Jo Billings	No
Evelyn Ford	Yes
Brandon Barney	Yes
Susan Williams	Yes
Hope Adams	Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

A Training Session will take place on August 31st, starting at 4:00pm in the conference room of the Library. The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will take place on Thursday, September 21st, at 4:00pm in the conference room of the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library.

Minutes taken by Katharine Bloodworth