

MEETING SUMMARY
Carroll County Public Library Board of Trustees
September 21, 2023

Location: Virtual

Members Present: David O'Callaghan
Garima Chaturvedi
Leza Griffith
Joyce Muller
Marcus Robinson

Members Absent: Kendra Hart
Virginia Harrison

Present with the Board were the following people: Andrea Berstler, Lisa Picker, Bob Kuntz, Joe Thompson, Jillian Edelen and Laura Bavetta.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Andrea Berstler called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Five members of the Board were present and a quorum was in attendance. Due to her position with Carroll County Public Schools and Carroll County Public Library, Ms. Hart has recused herself from this meeting.

SELECTION OF MEETING MODERATOR

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, on motion of Ms. Muller, seconded by Ms. Chaturvedi and carried, Ms. Griffith was selected as the meeting moderator.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. O'Callaghan, seconded by Ms. Muller and carried, the Agenda was approved.

DISCUSSION OF CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY RESPONSE TO RECENT MEDIA REQUESTS

Ms. Berstler reviewed the purpose of the meeting and asked the Board if they would like to release a public statement regarding book challenges, book banning and the freedom to read. All members of the Board agreed it is important to release a statement in support of library staff, personal choice, and the freedom to read.

After much discussion, the Board agreed upon a statement that would be released publicly.

On motion of Ms. Chaturvedi, seconded by Ms. Muller and carried unanimously, the Board voted to accept the statement presented by Ms. Berstler, noting there may be additional edits for grammar and clarity.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Ms. Griffith announced her resignation, effective October 6, 2023 and stated she was moving out of the County.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Muller, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.