

**Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the  
Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees**

**October 12, 2021**

**BOS Members present:**

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

**Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees Members present:**

- Fran Millhouser, Chairman, Mason District
- Brian Engler, Vice-Chair, Braddock District
- Suzanne Levy, City of Fairfax Representative
- Sujatha Hampton, Dranesville District
- Sheila Janega, Hunter Mill District
- Keith Foxx, Lee District
- Gary Russell, Mount Vernon District
- Soo Park, Providence District
- Phil Rosenthal, Springfield District
- Liz Walker, Sully District
- Jane Miscavage, At-Large
- Priscille Dando, Representative of Fairfax County Public Schools

**Others present:**

- Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
- Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney
- Jessica Hudson, Director, Fairfax County Public Library

The joint meeting was held in the Government Center Board Auditorium and the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees connected electronically. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

## **PRELIMINARY MOTIONS FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTRONIC MEETINGS** (9:35 a.m.)

Chairman Millhouser stated that to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by Freedom of Information Act and the Emergency Ordinance, this Board needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record.

### **1. Audibility of Members' Voices**

Chairman Millhouser stated that because each member of the Library Board of Trustees is participating in this meeting from a separate location, the Library Board of Trustees must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members. Accordingly, a roll call will be conducted and ask each Board Member participating in this meeting must state their name and the location from which they are participating. Chairman Millhouser asked each Library Board of Trustees member to pay close attention to ensure that they can hear each Commissioner. Following this roll call, a vote will be conducted to establish that every member can hear every other member.

Chairman Millhouser relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Engler and moved that the Library Board of Trustees certify for the record that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of the Library Board of Trustees. Board Member Rosenthal seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **2. Need for an Electronic Meeting**

Chairman Millhouser stated that, having established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, the Commission must next establish the nature of the emergency that compels these emergency procedures, the fact that it is meeting electronically, the type of electronic communication being used, and how it arranged for public access to this meeting.

Therefore, Chairman Millhouser moved that the Library Board of Trustees certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID 19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the Library Board of Trustees to physically assemble and unsafe for applicants, staff, and the public to physically attend any such meeting in person, and that as such, an in-person meeting cannot be implemented safely or practically. Chairman Millhouser further moved that the Library Board of Trustees conduct the meeting electronically through the County's video conferencing system and that the public may access this meeting by watching Channel 16 or its live stream; may listen to live audio of this meeting at 703-324-5300; and may participate in public hearings by telephone, by YouTube video submission, or by written testimony. Board Member Rosenthal seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **3. Need to dispense with Freedom of Information Act's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations**

Chairman Millhouser moved that the Library Board of Trustees certify that all of the matters addressed on today's agenda provide for the Library Board of Trustees' continuity of operation or the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Board Member Rosenthal seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chair Engler returned the gavel to Chairman Millhouser.

**LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS AND COVID OPERATIONAL INNOVATIONS** (11:10 a.m.)

Chairman Millhouser presented on the Library's:

- COVID response
- Statistics
- Operations
- Technology impacts
- Support of the community

**LIBRARY FINE FREE INITIATIVE** (11:40 a.m.)

Ms. Hudson presented on the following:

- Creation of an ad hoc committee to review library fines and dues
- The findings of the committee
- Library Board of Trustees action

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

**Meeting materials:**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-joint-meeting-fairfax-county-library-board-trustees-oct-12-2021>

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