

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 10, 2023**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Greg Hockemeyer, Nicki Baker, Spencer Mize, Carmen Bross and Director
Michael Ashby.

Also present: Lisa Huntington, from Baker Tilly and Kristin McClellan, from Ice Miller

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Greg Hockemeyer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular April Board meeting and the April Executive
Session were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Nicki
Baker. Seconded by Carmen Bross.
Motion carried.**

BOND DISCUSSION

Lisa Huntington and Kristin McClellan discussed the bond and answered questions
and concerns from the Board.

**A motion was made by Carmen Bross to proceed
with the preliminary bond work. Seconded by
Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adult Services is now going to Easterseals Passages and doing a book club every
two weeks. The first session had 43 attendees.

Student card numbers have nearly doubled compared to same time last year.

Mike gave a shout out to the Systems Administration department for their dedication in tackling some recent complicated issues in the library.

There will be a ground-breaking with the Master Gardeners on May 18 for the garden that will be going in at the back of the library.

There have been some staffing changes. Darla has returned to the library as a Library Assistant, Karen Blake will be retiring at the end of May, and Isabel Hinen will be taking over Karen's position. A new Library Assistant will be hired to replace Isabel's current position.

Mike is working on eliminating some of the current organizational silos to encourage collaboration among staff and to provide increased service to patrons.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile has now been here twice. The library is trying to get the word out.

There has been a shared programming space created in the staff storage area for program preparation due to crowded work areas upstairs.

The LSC group is in discussion to have a training for Library Trustees and Directors. The Board members present expressed interest in attending such a training.

CLAIMS

Greg had a question about the claim for Joyce Hageman for cleaning services. Joyce is who fills in for Mark when he has time off.

A motion to approve the May claims was made by Carmen Bross. Seconded by Nicki Baker. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by President Greg Hockemeyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Bross, Secretary