

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

MINUTES of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING | Wednesday August 15, 2018

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M., in the Auditorium of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

1. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustees Present: Stuart Auchincloss, Lisa Baker Brill, Robert Culp, Sharon Davis, Kenneth Goldberg, Debra Klein, Barry Ramage, Lynne Ridgeway, Richard Swierat, Mary Linda Todd, Mark Wilson

Trustees Absent: Priscilla Goldfarb (e), Rajene Hardeman (e), Michele Ment (e)

Directors Association Liaison: Thea Schoep, Director Claverack Free Library (via GoToMeeting)

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Kerstin Cruger, Laurie Shedrick, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointment of New Executive Director

Board President, Wilson, welcomed and thanked the Board for attending the meeting; reported that the System has received approval from the State Education Department and has negotiated a contract with Ms. Smith Aldrich for the position of Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System; and, called for a motion to make the official appointment. Mr. Wilson moved THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS REBEKKAH SMITH ALDRICH AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS APPROVED BY CONTRACT. Mr. Auchincloss seconded the motion.

Executive Director appointed

The motion carried.

B. Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Aldrich thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the System's Executive Director and to work with them to achieve the System's goals, and outlined three top priorities that she will be focusing on, namely: continuing to work collaboratively with all System stakeholders; filling her former position as Coordinator for Library Sustainability; and ensuring the System's financial well-being.

Aldrich speaks

Ms. Aldrich informed the Board that a press release announcing her appointment will be published in the MHLS Bulletin, and that with the support of Library Sustainability Associate & Communications Specialist Kerstin Cruger, she will continue to oversee projects currently underway in Phase II of the MHLS Action Plan. Ms. Aldrich noted upcoming Board Committee meetings, her plans to attend county association meetings, and activities planned for the member services support areas, and along with Mr. Wilson emphasized the importance of continued MHLS Board Outreach efforts to member library boards, and asked that any concerns expressed at these meetings be reported to herself and/or Mr. Wilson.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 A.M., Mr. Swierat moved and Ms. Baker Brill seconded THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. **The motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Baker Brill, Acting Secretary

Approved 2018 By the MHLS Board of Trustees