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Director Selection Process Committee

Meeting Summary

The Library Board Director Selection Process Committee met Thursday, May 2, 2019, Webber Park Library, Victory Memorial Room.

Attendees

Committee members: Chair Katherine Blauvelt, Chris Damsgard, Tim Dolan, Jonathan Gaw, Sheila Letscher, Margy Ligon, Samuel Nelson, and Erin Vrieze Daniels.

Staff: Interim Library Director Janet Mills, Deborah Johnson, and Tracy Thompson.

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

Approval of agenda and meeting summary

Chris Damsgard made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Margy Ligon. Motion passed.

Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to approve the February 6, 2019, meeting summary; seconded by Sheila Letscher. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

Director Search and Timeline Update

Chair Blauvelt provided an overview of the March 19 Executive Committee meeting. Library Human Resources Manager, Deborah Johnson, shared no decisions will be made on the Library Director hiring process or position requirements until the legislature rules on the Hennepin County Library Director Statutory Change, HF 2097 & SF 2267.

Committee members requested that Hennepin County Human Resources consider collaborating with the committee in future discussions on the role and the hiring process.

Director Qualifications Discussion

The committee articulated that they support the education, experience, and background that enables one to take on the Library Director role; and committed to showing that the Library Board values a

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Interim Library Director

Janet Mills



Master of Library and Information Science degree through the work that they do related to the hiring process.

In anticipation of a possible vote on the bill at the legislature by the close of the current session, a Director Selection Process committee will be tentatively scheduled for the week of May 20, details to be announced. That meeting will be rescheduled if there is no status change to the bill at the legislature by the date of the meeting.

[Director Selection Process Committee Timeline & Outreach Plan](#)

Upon receiving an updated process and timeline for the Library Director search the committee will reconvene to discuss opportunities for the Library Board and Director Selection Process Committee to engage with the community. The committee stressed the importance of managing the public's expectations on the role the Library Board will play in the final decision. Their role is to recommend a candidate to the County Administrator. Chair Blauvelt committed to more and better communication with the public and staff.

[Adjourn](#)

Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02p.m.; seconded by Margy Ligon. Motion passed.