The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:06 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:
Susan Gately
Judy Finkel
James Kersten
Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
Dianne Bruce
Dante Comparetto
William S. Coleman, III
Tracey Leger-Hornby
Collins Nuamah
William Belcher

Director’s Absent:
Phyllis Harrington

Guests present:
John Weedon
Denise McGinley
Denise Faucher
Elizabeth Giangrande
Paula Korstvedt
Pingsheng Chen
Veronica Howley

Call to Order.
1.1 Weedon called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
1.2 At Weedon’s request, Sorrenti introduced Chrissy Murray, the new Executive Director of the Foundation.

Board Organizational Meeting.
2.1 Weedon asked for a motion or objection to allowing Harrington to vote by proxy as she was out of state.
Bruce moved, seconded by Perro to allow the proxy vote.
President: Weedon read Rules for Directors with regard to the election of new President.
Weedon called out Coleman’s name. By a raise of hands Coleman received two votes.
Weedon called out Packard’s name. By a raise of hands Packard received 9 votes.
Packard was named President.
Vice President: Kersten’s name was called out. By a raise of hands Kersten received 11 votes.
Secretary: Comparetto’s name was called out. By a raise of hands
Comparetto received 10 votes.
Treasurer: Packard withdrew her nominations as Treasurer.
Perro’s name was called out. By a raise of hands Perro received 11 votes.

2.2 Ballots were passed out for Finance Committee, after a count of ballots
Votes were as follows: Harrington: 7; Belcher: 3; Hornby: 8. The new
Finance Committee members are Harrington and Hornby.

2.3 Recording Secretary: Comparetto moved, seconded by Finkel to appoint
McGinley as the Recording Secretary.
Packard thanked everyone for serving on the Board and thanked Gately for
her term as President. Packard asked for everyone at the table to introduce
themselves and state briefly why they wanted to serve on the Library Board
of Directors.

3. Minutes of December 10, 2013. Packard asked if there were any changes to the minutes.
Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to approve the minutes of December 10,
2013.
The minutes of December 10, 2013 were approved.

4. President’s Report.
Packard went over the role of the Board of Directors and stated that the
focus needs to be on hiring a head librarian to keep the momentum going.
Packard stated that she is open and inclusive and available for any member
on the Board. Packard also reminded the Board that email is not a venue
for decision making according to the Open Meeting Law. Packard also
requested that any press questions go to Elizabeth Giangrande, the
Library’s Communication Specialist.
A Committee assignment form would be emailed to the Board and Packard
asked that the Committees be ranked as to preference, including liaison to
the Friends and Foundation.

5.1 Packard reported on December 10, 2013, the Finance Committee approved
$4,772.84 from the Saxe Fund for Programs/Events & Supplies and for
Travel and Conference.
Finkel moved, seconded by Bruce to accept the Finance Committee report
of December 10, 2013.

6. Committee on Administration, Finkel.
6.1 Finkel reported that the Committee met and approved the hire of a Youth
Services Coordinator. The Committee also reviewed the Library’s internal
cash management policy and at the request of the City Treasurer was asked
to hold off on a vote based on a meeting between the Library
Administration and the City Treasurer.
Coleman moved, seconded by Bruce to approve the Committee on
Packard moved, seconded by Kersten to delay the vote of the Board with
regard to the Cash Management Policy until the February meeting

Weedon gave an update as to the One City One Library Goddard and Burn
ccoat Branch. Weedon reported that circulation is up at the Main Branch.
Weedon also created a Patron Behavior Task Force.
Weedon reported that according to the Law Department it would be necessary for the Board to declare the LVGW space as surplus or excess. Weedon also reported that the Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for February 14, 2014.

8. **Friends Update, Comparetto.**
   8.1 Comparetto reported that the Friends were doing well and security is still an issue.

9. **WPL Foundation, Kersten.**
   9.1 Kersten reiterated Dr. Sorrenti’s welcome of Chrissy Murray as Executive Director.

10. **New Business.**
    Belcher asked the Board to look into the Teen Room issue as to the noise level and who is in charge when the librarian steps away; whether or not there is a place for patrons to place complaints, compliments or suggestions; and feels there should be more technology staff on hand. Packard let Belcher know these matters will be referred to committee.

    Packard reminded the members that a Board picture would be taken at the February meeting.

    Packard asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

    Coleman moved, seconded by Bruce to go into Executive Session and to reconvene in order to adjourn.

    The Board went into Executive Session at 6:28.

11. **Adjournment.**
    There being no further business the Board reconvened and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dante Comparetto, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)