

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY
January 24, 2023**

1. A SPECIAL meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Smithtown Library was held on the 24th day of January, 2023 for the purpose of evaluating candidates to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Library Board. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following Library Trustees were present and participating at the meeting: Brianna Baker-Stines, Mildred Bernstein, Anita Dowd-Neufeld, Annette Galarza and Howard Knispel. Trustee Thomas Maher was absent with prior notice.

Also present were Library Director Robert Lusak, Assistant Library Director Patricia Thomson, and Secretary Linda Taurassi. Clerk Lauren Gunderson was absent with prior notice.

Brianna Baker-Stines, President of the Board of Trustees, acted as Chairman of the meeting.

2. At 7:02 p.m., following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Library Board President Brianna Baker-Stines moved to enter executive session pursuant to Article 7, Section 105 "F" of the Public Officer's Law, to discuss matters leading to the potential appointment of a particular person. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anita Dowd-Neufeld and adopted 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

FOR—Baker-Stines, Bernstein, Dowd-Neufeld, Galarza, Knispel AGAINST—none

Interviews for the office of Library Trustee were conducted using criteria for selection from the *Trustee Candidate Applicant Rating form* (appended).

At 8:38 p.m. Library Board President Brianna Baker-Stines made a motion to reconvene in open public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Annette Galarza and adopted by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

3. Library Board President Brianna Baker-Stines reported that the Trustee candidates would be evaluated and an appointment would most likely be made at the February 21, 2023 regular board meeting.

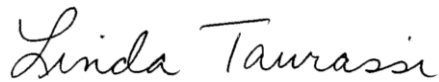
ADJOURNMENT

4. There being no further business, Trustee Brianna Baker-Stines moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anita Dowd-Neufeld and adopted by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Minutes approved this 21st day of February, 2023.



Annette Galarza, Vice President
Smithtown Library Board of Trustees



Linda Taurassi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees