

## Holyoke Public Library Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

Location: Holyoke Public Library Community Room

Present:

Present	Member
X	George Mettey, President
	Manuel Frau-Ramos, VP
X	Thomas Gilchrist, Treasurer
X	Brenna Levitin, Clerk
X	Gabriela Alcántara Pohls
	Beverlyn Blanchard
X	Jacksiel Colon-Rodriguez

Present	Member
	Denise Duguay
X	Jacqueline Glasheen
X	Victor Machado
X	Andrew Parker
X	Jeremy Smith
X	Iohann Rashi Vega

Also present: María Pagán, Director; Alexandra Aguirre, Finance Manager

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by George Mettey.

#### Approve Minutes:

Tom motioned to approve March 2025 minutes, Iohann seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### PRESIDENT UPDATES: George Mettey

- Investment Policy has finally been agreed upon and he'll send it out
- Vote on it at May meeting

## **DIRECTOR REPORT: María Pagán**

### **Building updates**

- Submitted 2 quotes for the Electrical Grounding Study and Mayor approved a transfer to pay for this

### **Misc**

- *Matria* exhibit on the 1st floor
- Program on Thursday 10th 6-8pm
- Website kickoff meeting in a few days (María will invite Technology Committee)
- Federal funding cuts will affect e-resources
- Write letters to the editor, write to your legislators
- We might see another override to the property tax limit, History Room is having an event about the last time there was one

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE:**

- We received 2nd state aid payment

### **PERSONNEL:**

- Nothing

### **HPLR:**

- Meeting in May

### **POLICY: Jeremy Smith**

- Confidentiality and Privacy Policy
  - Jackie motioned to accept the policy with the amendment of "collects no personal information" to "retains no personal information". Jacksiel seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION: Jeremy Smith**

- Cameras weren't working
  - Valley Communication came to look yesterday and he discovered that the switch was turned off and unplugged
  - Issue remains with connection between basement switch and ground floor switch

### **PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL PROJECT: Manuel Frau-Ramos**

- *Matria* exhibit

### **MARKETING & FUNDRAISING:**

- Mini golf this weekend

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

- Nothing

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Staff Survey
  - Jackie motioned that the Board reviews the results of the survey and we add this to the agenda in May. Brenna seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

Jackie moves to adjourn. Gabriela seconds. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.**