

Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Nov 10, 2021

Trustees Present: [Kristy Wiwczar](#), [Kara Peterson](#), Karla Alfred, [Bob Ostrow](#), Nancy Baron
Director: [Leslie McDonnell](#)
Other Attendees: Georganna Woods, Gwyneth Swain, Mariah Cajuste, [Jeanne Grandy](#)

Governor's Provision to OML read. This meeting is taking place remotely.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Approval of minutes from November 3, 2021. Motion to approve as submitted by Bob Ostrow, seconded by Kara Peterson. Passed unanimously.

Candidates for Board of Trustees seat in order of appearance:

Georganna Woods

Gwyneth Swain

Mariah Cajuste

[Joanne Hulbert](#) was unable to attend due to conflict of schedule with work at the local COVID vaccination clinic.

The board will meet at 7pm next Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 at 7pm to meet any remaining candidates and decide on a recommendation for the Select Board.

[Jeanne Grandy](#) is interested in displaying borrowed posters from a church in Hartford, Connecticut. The intended use is a program running about 90 minutes where people silently view and then hold a discussion about the posters. The posters are meant to spark discussion about race.

First Congregational Church of Holliston has met regarding the posters and is discussing displaying them there. Jeanne is pursuing options around town, including the Gilman Room at the library.

Karla Alfred stated that this display would not fit under the library's art policy, and the board has the responsibility to vote about the display's showing at the library. Jeanne has described this as an event or program, not a long-term display in response to the library's art policy.

Bob Ostrow opposes the program because of the potential political nature, and the library is to remain an apolitical space for all community members.

Jeanne described that no access to the art or space is to be given without parental consent. It has been noted by Leslie McDonnell that the library cannot restrict access to any one portion of the library during open hours, including restricting access of minors to the art program.

Karla Alfred motioned to vote on allowing the program to be permitted at the Holliston Public Library.

Jeannne withdrew her request to host the program at the Holliston Library before a vote was taken.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karla Alfred and seconded by Nancy Baron at 8:36pm and passed unanimously.