



PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 10, 2022 2 pm

Ruth Holley Library
[VIRTUAL MEETING \(ZOOM\)](#)

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President Dr. Ned Stoll, Vice-President Scott Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer Dora Gonzales, Erin Bents, Debbie English, Mina Liebert, Aaron Salt

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER

President Dr. Ned Stoll called the August 10, 2022 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

There were no items too late for the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Time Limit per Person)

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS ITEMS

New Business

Discussion and Decision 22-8-1: Intent to participate in the November 2022 general election.

President Dr. Ned Stoll mentioned that several messages have been received by the Board of Trustees following the announcement of the intent of the PPLD Board of Trustees to participate in the 2022 general election. Dr. Stoll had a conversation with Mayor Suthers about the option of de-Taboring instead of a mill levy increase. Randy Green explained that this would be keeping excess revenue over our limit of 4 mills. Several factors, including inflation, consumer price index (CPI), and assessed valuation from the previous calendar year impact the amount of revenue received, making it impossible to accurately forecast the revenue amount in any given year. Financial records for PPLD

over the last ten years indicate that revenue has exceeded 4% less than half of the time. When revenue did exceed 4% it was a minimal amount. Dr. Stoll indicated he will inform Mayor Suthers of this information.

Dr Stoll asked that, with the economy dropping, is going to the community for an increase a smart thing at this time?

Discussion comments included:

- Spending \$500,000 to participate in the 2022 general election is a lot of money.
- When the Public Affairs Committee discussed the intent, it was to give the community a chance to provide their input now as compared to the polling results from Fall 2021 and March 2022.
- If we don't move forward with participating in the 2022 general election, we have an obligation to inform the community that PPLD may be adjusting what can be offered to the community.
- Comments in favor of participating in the 2022 general election have been received by some Trustees.
- Providing details on the cost of opening a new library, associated staffing and materials costs need to be provided to the community
- Having the support of the community and elected officials is important for a ballot initiative to pass.
- We need to proceed based on the data available to us.
- Elimination of fines minimally impacted revenue for PPLD.
- There are many different opinions of what a library should be in 2022.

President Dr. Ned Stoll called for a motion from the Board regarding the intent to participate in the 2022 general election.

Motion: Erin Bents made a motion to rescind the prior motion and notify the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder that the Pikes Peak Library District's Board of Trustees will not pursue its prior motion expressing intent to participate in the November 2022 election.

Second: Aaron Salt seconded the motion.

Clarification: a vote of 'yes' will rescind the previous motion.

Vote: President Dr. Ned Stoll called for a vote by roll call.

Erin Bents: Yes

Debbie English: Yes

Dora Gonzales: Yes, commenting that she will want to revisit this opportunity in the future.

Dr. Ned Stoll: Yes

Scott Taylor: Yes

Aaron Salt: Yes

Mina Liebert: Yes, commenting that she will want to revisit this opportunity in the future.

With seven members voting yes, the motion passes unanimously.

Mina Liebert thanked the Leadership Team and staff of PPLD for doing the research to provide data to the Board, stating that despite the change in decision, the Board does still exist to advocate for and provide support to PPLD.

Scott Taylor encourages members of the community to have their voices heard by providing public comment at Board meetings or by contacting the Board of Trustees through the webpage link.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Dr. Ned Stoll adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The full packet of materials for this meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees is available at <https://ppld.org/board-trustees>