

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Byron Public Library District
April 8, 2025**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Sean Hosseini. Board members present were Elaine Breck, Jill Grennan, Rachel Hansen, Sean Hosseini and Susan O'Neil.

Absent Members: James Chisholm and Eric Arnquist.

Visitors: Mandy Simon

Eric Arnquist arrived at 2:00 pm.

I. New Business:

Three candidates for library director were interviewed.

Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

Mrs. Grennan made the motion to go into closed session at 3:00 pm; seconded by Dr. Hansen; carried. The Board invited Julie Reckamp, Nancy McKay and Mandy Simon to the meeting.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:28 pm.

II. Appointment of a new library director – The board discussed the appointment of a new library director. A motion was made by Mrs. O'Neil to offer Jason Sleet Shirley the position with a salary of 90K plus 5K for moving. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hosseini. The motion was approved by a roll call vote initiated by Mr. Hosseini 5-0: Mr. Arnquist, abstained; Mrs. Breck, yes; Mrs. Grennan, yes; Dr. Hansen, yes; Mr. Hosseini, yes; and Mrs. O'Neil, yes.

At the recommendation of Mandy Simon a motion was made by Dr. Hansen that should salary negotiation be necessary Ms. Simon is authorized to increase the offer with \$92K the ceiling. Motion seconded by Mrs. O'Neil; carried 6-0.

Mr. Hosseini left at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Hansen. Motion seconded by Mrs. Grennan; carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Breck
Board Secretary