

**PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 22, 2020**

The June 22, 2020 Special Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order by President Najjar at 7:00pm. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

As there was a quorum, the roll call was taken:

Stephanie Najjar, present
Richard Shruhan, present
Peter Bakula, present
Kate O'Brien, present
Anne Quinn, present
Don McAllister, present
Wes Merrill, absent
Stephanie Dallaire, present
Morgan Yeo, present
Frances Gallugi, present
Tom Pappas, present

Guest, Edward A Bettenourt Jr., Mayor of Peabody present

This was a special meeting to discuss the budget with the attendance of the city's mayor.

Mayor Edward Bettencourt addressed the letter sent to city employees regarding the COVID pandemic and its effect on the city's budget which resulted in a 160M cut. The losses resulted in over 100 part-time employee layoffs in Peabody and cuts the Library's budget by 17.21% (-\$307,423.00). It was noted many annual events held in Peabody, including fireworks and the International Festival have been cancelled.

Library Director Merlin and Mayor Bettencourt will continue their efforts and will readdress this topic with the Library Trustees in August.

The trustees thanked Mayor Bettencourt for his attendance and efforts. The Mayor left the call at approximately 7:35pm.

The trustees discussed the budget cuts and its effects on programming. Trustees discussed curbside pick-up scheduled to start in July, partial reopening plans, as well as certification requirements and waivers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by,

Madelyn Firth
Secretary