

City of Beverly, Massachusetts

Public Meeting Minutes

Board: Library Trustees

Date: August 13, 2026 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual

Board members present: Margaret Altman, Mary Behrle, Marshall Handly, Colleen Michaels, Kevin O'Reilly, Joanne Panunzio

Board members absent: Dominic Copeland, Ivy Mahan, Cathryn Keefe O'Hare

Others present: Allison Babin, Meghan Karasin

Recorder: Meghan Karasin

Kevin O'Reilly presided.

Public Presentation

None

Committee Reports

None at this time.

Report of the Library Director

None at this time.

Communications

None at this time.

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

New Business

Allison Babin worked with the City Solicitor's Office to prepare a 3-year contract for the Assistant Library Director, Meghan Karasin. The Mayor asked Allison to pass along to the board and Meghan his appreciation for her outstanding work.

Marshall Handly raised concerns about section 2 (the language around the Board agreeing to pay) and the power to dismiss. The power to dismiss, as written, seems to lie with the Library Director, who is a 3rd party to the contract. The agreement is between the Board and Assistant Library Director. Marshall Handly also questioned the clarity of the longevity payment frequency. Kevin O'Reilly asked if this is a boilerplate from the city. Allison Babin stated that she would suspect that's the case.

Allison Babin will reach out to the City Solicitor's Office regarding concerns about the language in the contract.

List of Documents/Exhibits

- Assistant Director's Contract

The next regular meeting of the board is Tuesday, September 22 at 6 PM in person at the main library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM