

Minutes
Edison Free Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
December 10, 2019 7:00 pm
Edison Township, 100 Municipal Blvd. Edison, NJ 08817

Call to Order

President Vasant Naik called the meeting to Order at 7:10 pm and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

Roll Call

Present:

David Ye (Treasurer), Shannon Peng (School Superintendent's Representative), Neville Arestani (Secretary), Lawyer for the Library Board (Shain Schaffer) - Benjamin Zilbergeld; Joyce Ship-Freeman Vice President), Vasant Naik (President), Suzanne Cason O'Neill, Maureen Ruane (Mayor's Representative), Patricia Massey, Liza Krauze, Jane Jiang (Director of Edison Township Public Library), Fran Bar Eli (Chief of Staffing for Edison Township Public Library), and Councilman Samip Joshi (Council Liaison)

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from the November board meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

Trustee Account Report – The November Trustee Account Report was reviewed

Approval of Bill Listing – The November bill listing was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Director's Report

Not reviewed, as a request was made by Patricia Massey to introduce a resolution not on the agenda.

Pat Massey moved for the introduction of a Resolution terminating the Executive Director, terminating the Board's Council Shain Schaffer and eliminating the position of Chief of Staffing.

President Vasant Naik stated the resolution was not part of the agenda and anything not part of the agenda is not going to be discussed today.

Shain Schaffer attorney, Benjamin Zilbergeld, the council for the Edison Library Board made a recommendation regarding the topic of employee termination. The Library board would have to go into closed session as there was no proper RICE notice given. The lawyer asserted if the resolution was discussed in public it would be legally invalid.

Lawyer stated there was an "attempt" to RICE which "we believe" was legally invalid.

Joyce Ship-Freeman stated the RICE was done as a courtesy.

The lawyer stated it is a potential violation of Sunshine Law and the library can be sued.