

EHPLS Minutes  
Governance Committee  
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Jan 13, 2016

Members present: Lucille Gardner, Maureen Gillis

Also present: Mike Gilroy, Library System Director

Maureen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The responses from the Board Effectiveness Survey were discussed. It was agreed that we would send the entire document to the Board, but, as a summary, 4 themes were evident from our review. 3 were related to improvements trustees might make individually (perhaps by setting individual goals) and 1 relates to the relationship between the Director and the Board. These are:

- Trustees should enhance advocacy for the library system, whether it be with the public, other Town departments, etc.
- We should visit the branches more to obtain a better understanding of challenges the libraries face
- We should keep abreast of possible laws/state budget issues affecting the libraries/attend statewide training
- We need to continue to improve communications between the Director and the Board. Clarify the reporting relationship of the Director to the Board as well as expectations of both the Board and the Director in terms of what types of events/activities/issues should be discussed or reported, either before the fact or after.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We revised the Training Agenda for upcoming meetings so that the timing of topics discussed are aligned with expected Board activities. Draft and assignments will be discussed with Board.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.