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Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

October 1, 2024

Minutes

Present: Carmel Patrick; Tina Chericoni Versaci; David Fronk; Bernice Rivera; Brenda Schworm, Jude McQueen

Absent:

Ex-officio: Madelyn Thorne, SCPL Board President

Guests:

Staff: Charity Thorne, Executive Director

SCPL Board President Thorne reviewed the purpose of the ad hoc committee as dedicated to improving communication and advocacy to Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS) in an effort to improve system services to SCPL and make continued system membership in MVLS work for SCPL. Trustees discussed engaging legal counsel to assist the SCPL Board of Trustees in these efforts and acknowledged that MVLS has had legal counsel engaged in their communications with SCPL since the notice of JA withdrawal was submitted. Trustees reviewed key issues with MVLS that predated SCPL's withdrawal notice to Joint Automation. Trustees discussed the September 30 MVLS response to SCPL's request to have MVLS Board representation proportionate to Schenectady's percentage of the MVLS service population as well as the opportunity to nominate representatives of SCPL's choice to serve. Trustees discussed the news of a recent resignation by one Schenectady County representative on the MVLS Board and the possibility of nominating a candidate of the SCPL Board's choosing to fill the vacant seat at the MVLS Annual meeting on October 2.