

**South Country Library
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
August 9, 2019
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

J. Neal called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Present: J. Neal, A. Kamran, S. Binnington, G. Marschall, C. Walsh, C. Gagliano, J. Johnson

Absent: J. Nix

In attendance: Admin

II. Remarks from the Audience- None

III. New Business-

A. South Country Library Proposed Bylaws Amendments

NEW SECTION (Article III, Section 5c: Under "Removal"): "A library trustee who has been voted to be removed from the board is ineligible to run for a position on the library's board of trustees for a period equal to 3 years from the date of their removal"

Additionally: Anywhere in the library by-laws where it is stated that a trustee may be removed from the board by "a two-thirds vote (6 of 9 trustees)", shall be replaced with a "majority vote (5 of 9 trustees)".

A. Kamran made a motion, seconded by C. Walsh to amend the bylaws to reflect the proposed changes. The motion passed unanimously.

A. The following amendments are proposed for the "Trustee Code of Ethics"

and the “Trustee Conflict of Interest” policy.

Anywhere in the “Trustee Code of Ethics” or “Trustee Conflict of Interest” policy where it states that removal of a trustee requires “a two-thirds vote (6 of 9 trustees)”, shall be replaced by “a majority vote (5 of 9 trustees)”.

Additionally, the following language (taken verbatim from our bylaws) shall be added to the “Trustee Code of Ethics” policy:

“As provided in Education Law 226; subdivision 8, the board may remove a trustee for misconduct, incapacity, neglect of duty or refusal to carry into effect the library’s educational purpose.”

G. Marschall made a motion, seconded by J. Johnson to amend the Trustee Code of Ethics and the Trustee Conflict of Interest policy as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Other

X. Remarks from the Audience- None

XI. Executive Session

XII. Adjournment

C. Gagliano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m., seconded by J. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.