

**EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Special Meeting/Board Retreat
February 25, 2023

Board of Trustees: Deanna Dunkin Smith
Rebecca Frevert
Jennifer Gordon
Joshua Glasgow

Library Staff: Abigail Cooley

Guest Presenters: Sara Jones
Carolyn Petersen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04.

INTRODUCTION & “WHERE I’M FROM” ACTIVITY

Library Director Abigail Cooley welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the day. Board members each read their “Where I’m From” poems aloud.

OPEN GOVERNMENT 101: PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT REFRESHER TRAINING

A video training led by Ramsey Ramerman, Deputy City of Everett Attorney was played.

2023 BOARD GOALS AND SCHEDULE

Library Director Abigail Cooley facilitated a conversation around topics the board is interested to see as agenda items throughout the year and overall goals for the board in 2023. Common topics included revising bylaws, gaining a better understanding of City/Library/Board roles and responsibilities and advocacy.

BYLAWS OVERVIEW AND REVIEW

Board members Joshua and Rebecca facilitated a conversation on possible revisions to the bylaws. Bylaws will be a continued agenda item for meetings. There will be additional opportunities for discussions and revisions, including input from the City’s legal team, before anything is presented for final action.

WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY TRUSTEE TRAINING

Carolyn Petersen and Sara Jones, both from the Washington State Library, led an interactive presentation on the Washington State Library, types of libraries in the state, roles of board members, and the Open Public Meetings Act.

ADJOURN

With a motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Abigail Cooley, Library Director