



## Minutes of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting July 18, 2023

The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its Organizational Meeting on July 18, 2023. Present were Gregory Niforos, Merry Dunn-Brown, Treasurer Michael Frank, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Christian W. Rohrs, Susan Shrader, Richard Carlson, and Caren Pepper.

Valerie Acklin  
Library Director

Treasurer Michael Frank called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

The following Board Members and Election Clerks were sworn into office:

- 5-year board membership: Susan Shrader
- 5-year board membership: Richard Carlson
- Treasurer: Michael Frank
- Library Director: Valerie Acklin
- Library Election Clerk: Valerie Acklin
- Deputy Election Clerk: Nicole Hauser
- Deputy Election Clerk: Barbara Madonna

Mr. Frank asked for motions of election to be made for the following officers:

- Mr. Gregory Niforos, President. Ms. Pepper made a nomination.
- Merry Dunn-Brown, Vice President. Mr. Niforos made a nomination.
- Mr. Charles "Ren" Reed, Vice President of Finance. Mr. Niforos made a nomination.
- Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary. Mr. Niforos made a nomination.

The aforementioned motions were approved with a vote of "aye" from the Board.

At this point, President Gregory Niforos assumed responsibility of overseeing the meeting.

Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to approve items 3-10 on the Agenda. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The Board approved with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to elect himself and Mrs. Pesses as Representatives to the Gloversville Library Foundation Board. Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Niforos inquired if current chairpersons for Building and Grounds, Local History Room, Outreach, Personnel, Policy, Program, and Public Relations committees would continue serving as chairpersons. Each chairperson agreed. Prior to the Organizational Meeting, Mr. Niforos inquired if Mr. Reed would stand as the chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee, and as co-chair of the Local History Room Committee, to which Mr. Reed agreed.

2023-2024  
Board of Trustees

Merry Dunn Brown

Richard Carlson

John Mazur

Greg Niforos

Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Christian Rohrs

Susan Schrader

Mr. Niforos requested a vote to appoint John Blackmon as Claims Auditor for the Gloversville Public Library. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

The GPL Holiday Observance Calendar was approved by the Board.

Mr. Niforos asked if there was a motion to designate the Library Director to be the appointing authority for Civil Service employment actions. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Mr. Niforos also noted the Conflict of Interest statement for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be made available for signing starting July 20, 2023, at the Library.

At 6:23 PM, Mr. Niforos asked for a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The motion carried with a vote of "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

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Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary