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### **NJLA Executive Board Meeting**

December 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. We will take a 5-minute break at about 11:00 a.m.

[Liaison Assignments](#) and [Liaison Reporting Form](#).

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81382027659?pwd=RkpORDFhbIFSNHBUNU5jSzIHLzhjZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 8202 7659 | Passcode: 908648

1. Call to Order: Carina Gonzalez, President 10:02 am
2. Adoption of Agenda: Carina Gonzalez, President - approved by unanimous consent
3. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. In attendance over the course of the meeting: Brett Bonfield, Carina Gonzalez, Alicia Gough, Katy White, Rosy Wagner, Allan Kleiman, Will Porter, Jenna Ingham, Jessica, Trujillo, Lynette Fucci, Emily Witkowski, Ali Cole, Cara Berg, John Wallace, Stephanie Chase, Joyce Valenza, Adriana Mamay, Mimi Hui, Tony Joachim, Ally Blumenfeld, Jen Nelson, Ralph Bingham, Laverne Mann
4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes- approved by unanimous consent
5. Old Business
  - a. Strategic Planning (Brett Bonfield and Stephanie Chase)
  - b. Materials: [NJLA Mission Statement Worksheet](#)
6. Partner Organizations Reports
  - a. NJSL: Jen Nelson
    - i. A number of retirements are being celebrated
  - b. [LibraryLinkNJ](#): Ralph Bingham
  - c. NJASL: Darby Malvey, *not present, report added later*
    - i. Legislative Update - NJASL is still advocating for S3907 to move during the lame duck session and working with SweepNJ to push for the bill. We have heard that Assemblywoman Lampitt's office is asking for more calls in support of this bill (She is the chair of the Assembly Education Committee).
    - ii. You can use the SaveSchool Librarians petition to send an email: <https://www.saveschoollibrarians.org/njaslbookbans>
    - iii. Or call her office: 856-435-1247
    - iv. If you live or work in LD#6, please identify yourself as her constituent.  
Counties: Burlington and Camden  
Municipalities: Berlin Township, Cherry Hill, Collingswood, Gibbsboro, Haddon, Haddonfield, Hi-Nella, Maple Shade, Merchantville, Oaklyn, Pennsauken, Somerdale, Stratford, Tavistock, Voorhees
  - d. Rutgers University: Joyce Valenza

- i. We had a strong presence at NJASL with lots of student energy, and were honored to be platinum sponsors.
    - ii. We have an offer out for an LIS hire and are excited about this individual and their contributions to LIS and the wider community.
    - iii. We also have two offers out for an HCI position and we will be making an offer for Data Science faculty member as well.
  - e. NJLTA: Alison Bryant, *not present, no report*
  - f. [VALE](#): Ali Cole
  - g. [NJALA](#): Heather Kristian
- 7. [Financial Reports](#): Allan Kleiman, Treasurer
- 8. Reports
  - a. [Carina Gonzalez](#), President
  - b. Liaison Reports President, *no reports*
  - c. [Brett Bonfield](#), Executive Director
  - d. [Laverne Mann](#), ALA Councilor
- 9. New Business
  - a. [NJLA Investment Committee](#) proposal (Mimi Hui, Chair, NJLA Investment Committee)
    - i. We would be closing current accounts and moving everything from Raymond James to the Community Foundation of New Jersey
    - ii. Vote to approve: 12 aye's (Jessica, Emily, John, Lynnette, Cara, Ally, Carina, Adriana, Allan, Laverne, Rosy, Will), 0 no's, 0 abstentions
    - iii. Approved
  - b. Ruth Pallante's retirement
    - i. Board commendation- Will moved, Carina seconded,
      - 1. 12 votes in favor (Jessica, Emily, John, Lynnette, Cara, Ally, Carina, Adriana, Allan, Laverne, Rosy, Will), 0 no's, 0 abstentions
  - c. Ally- PR and Marketing Section question about how to best guide new section leader
    - i. Brett and Katy will be reaching out to support new sections
- 10. Good of the Order
- 11. Next Meeting: January 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- 12. Adjourn Will moved, Allan seconded

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