

West New York Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Meeting, Monday, November 7, 2011; 6:00-PM

In Attendance:

Trustees Rita Alam; Vilma Reyes; Jennifer Rodriguez; Barbara Viu; John Fauta, Supt. of Schools; Actg. Chair Roland Alum; Mayor's Repr. George Dones; Library Attny. Herbert Klitzner; Director Weiliang Lai; Reference Librarian Estela Longo (Actg. Secy.). Absent: Jennifer Rodriguez and George Dones, Mayor Roque's Representative.

Public Notice of Board meeting posted and read at the meeting by Acting Chair, Prof. Roland Alum.

MINUTES & RESOLUTIONS: The revised minutes for the June, 2011 meeting were approved. The minutes for the September and October meeting need revisions and were tabled for the next meeting.

As the printed resolution thanking past trustees for their service was being passed around for signatures (as per prior meetings' approval), Actg. Chair Alum noted that the name of Ms. Yesenia Camilo-Núñez was missing from the list of past trustees. Dir. Lai said that he has never received official notification about her resignation, nor has he ever seen her resignation letter.

Alum reminded the director that he remembered that George Dones --the mayor representative-- had personally brought, and shown to all, Ms. Camilo-Núñez's letter. Alum added that, moreover, the mayor and commissioners had named a trustee clearly replacing Yesenia. Indeed, Ms. Viu, coincidentally, had a copy of the Town's Agenda's Meeting listing the resolution naming the replacement and showed it to all present. Alum stated that if the library did not have such letter, it should have been requested from Town Hall months ago. He volunteered to personally obtain the letter from the mayor's representative and/or the Town's Clerk the following day. Upon being asked by Alum how to resolve the missing resolution, Attny. Klitzner indicated that a separate resolution for Yesenia may be proposed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Election of Officers: It was proposed to postpone the elections one more time. One board member was absent; and Attorney Klitzner said it could be left as is for now.

Alum reminded the trustees that he is not interested in seeking an elected Board office, and that --as he has been stating before-- he wants next month's meeting (December's) to be the last one for him as Acting chair; that leadership has to develop from all new trustees as we end this year and begin a new one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Telephone system: Mr. Alum mentioned that he has noted that the library's telephone system lacks connectivity for the purpose of transferring calls, both within the building and with Town Hall.