



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date January 12, 2015

Communication from Jason Grinstead advising of his resignation from the Library Board of Trustees, Seat 5, effective immediately.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service.

Replacement to be appointed by: Mayor Cownie.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
VOSS				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

January 2, 2015

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CITY CLERK  
DES MOINES, IA

The Honorable T. M. Franklin Cownie  
Des Moines City Mayor  
City Hall  
400 Robert Ray Drive  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-1891

Dear Mayor Cownie:

This letter will serve as my notice of resignation from the Des Moines Public Library Board of Trustees effective January 2015. With my growing family and increasing responsibility at the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System, I am required to devote time to these responsibilities.

I would like to thank you and the Des Moines City Council for the honor to serve a six year term which ended July 1, 2014. The experience has been personally rewarding and has provided first hand evidence of the dedication of Library staff to the citizens of Des Moines.

Funding decisions are very difficult to make for the city with trade-offs involved. Now, with Library facilities upgraded and under the superb leadership of Greg Heid, I would implore you and council to restore funding to the Library system so that each location may have hours fully restored and service provided to the community.

At the Central branch library this last Sunday, the facility was lively as the reduced hours compress attendance in a shorter window. Like many other times, each and every computer terminal was in use. Every single one. I would encourage you and the Library Board to increase hours, monitor service consumption and service offerings as needs increase to serve an information hungry population. Restoring hours will ensure that Libraries continue in relevance, as a hub for enlightenment and the sharing of ideas for an educated community.

I would also like to thank my current and past Library Board members with whom I have served. Your dedication and inspiration will continue to serve as an example of how citizen involvement improves communities. The future of the Library is in good hands.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Des Moines. I look forward to serving in other capacities in the future.

Sincerely,

Jason Grinstead

Cc: Greg Heid  
Library Board Members

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**City of Des Moines, Iowa**  
**Boards and Commissions**  
**Board Composition**

**Library Board of Trustees**

Description: Board has charge, control, and supervision of all public libraries. Code of Iowa, Chapter 378.3.

Staff contact: Cathy Newton 283-4291

Term length: Six years

Expiration: June 30

Meetings: 4:15 PM, Third Tuesday of each month, Location rotates between the main library and the five branches.

Location: Central and Branch Libraries

Requirements: GENDER BALANCE REQUIRED - Five members appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council. TERM LIMITS DO NOT APPLY

Prof. requirements:

**Member Information**

Jennifer M Fiihr 5825 Waterbury Circle Des Moines 50312	(C): 515 229-3238 (D): (E): 515 274-0295 (W):	Term expires: 7/1/2017 Took office: 3/26/2012 Appointed by: 7 - Mayor Residing in Ward: 3 Eligibility: Eligible for reappointment Gender: Female
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Wesley Graham 520 1/2 East Grand Avenue Des Moines 50309	(C): 651 343-3524 (D): 515 246-1426 (E): (W): 515 244-9400	Term expires: 7/1/2018 Took office: 9/8/2014 Appointed by: 7 - Mayor Residing in Ward: 4 Eligibility: Eligible for reappointment Gender: Male
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Jason Grinstead 4331 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines 50312	(C): (D): (E): (W):	Term expires: 7/1/2014 Took office: 7/14/2008 Appointed by: 7 - Mayor Residing in Ward: 3 Eligibility: Eligible for reappointment Gender: Male
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Jule A Thorsen 2008 34th Street Des Moines 50310	(C): (D): (E): 515 279-9923 (W): 515 779-3505	Term expires: 7/1/2019 Took office: 2/7/2005 Appointed by: 7 - Mayor Residing in Ward: 1 Eligibility: Eligible for reappointment Gender: Female
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Seat: 01 - Citizen of DM		

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**Member Information**

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Vacancy	(C):	Term expires:	7/1/2016
	(D):	Took office:	
	(E):	Appointed by:	7 - Mayor
	(W):	Residing in Ward:	0
		Eligibility:	Vacant
Seat: 03 - Citizen of DM		Gender:	—

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