

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 14

Resolution No. 29-22

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, July 5, 2022

1 RESOLUTION confirming nominations to the Board of Trustees of The Public Library
2 Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated

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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to its Eighteenth Amendment and Complete Restatement of
5 Bylaws dated February 17, 2022 (the “Bylaws”), the Board of Trustees of The
6 Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated
7 (“AACPL”) consists of up to 17 Trustees, including up to eight Trustees who are
8 nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County
9 Council; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that seven of the eight Trustees nominated
12 by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council shall
13 represent each of the County’s councilmanic districts, and that the eighth Trustee
14 shall be at large; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Bylaws set forth the qualifications for the Trustees, including that
17 they be residents of the County, be representative of the area that the library serves,
18 and be chosen on the basis of character, ability, and demonstrated interest in library
19 matters; and

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21 WHEREAS, as stated in the Bylaws, the term of a Trustee is 3 years, and each
22 Trustee may serve up to a maximum of three consecutive 3-year terms; and

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24 WHEREAS, the positions of the Trustee for Councilmanic District 2 and the at-
25 large Trustee are vacant; and

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27 WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Faith Steele, a resident of
28 Councilmanic District 2, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District 2, and
29 Ishani Gandhi, a County resident, to serve as the at-large Trustee for three-year
30 terms expiring June 19, 2025, beginning upon final appointment by the AACPL
31 Board of Trustees; and

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33 WHEREAS, the terms of the Trustees from Councilmanic Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and
34 7 expired in June of 2022; and

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36 WHEREAS, the County Executive has re-nominated Laura Ellis (formerly Laura
37 Brown), a resident of Councilmanic District 1, to serve as the Trustee from
38 Councilmanic District 1; Joseph Robert Sapp, III, Ed.D., a resident of

1 Councilmanic District 3, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District 3;
2 James Estep, a resident of Councilmanic District 4, to serve as the Trustee from
3 Councilmanic District 4; M. Brooke Toomey, a resident of Councilmanic District
4 5, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District 5; and Mary Catherine
5 Belcher, a resident of Councilmanic District 7, to serve as the Trustee from
6 Councilmanic District 7, for three-year terms expiring June 19, 2025, beginning
7 upon final appointment by the AACPL Board of Trustees; and
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9 WHEREAS, the County Council, after a public hearing, finds that Laura Ellis
10 (District 1), Faith Steele (District 2), Joseph Robert Sapp, III, Ed.D. (District 3),
11 James Estep (District 4), M. Brooke Toomey (District 5), Mary Catherine Belcher
12 (District 7), and Ishani Gandhi (at large), meet eligibility requirements and are
13 qualified to serve on the AACPL Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it
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15 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it confirms
16 the nominations of Faith Steele, a resident of Councilmanic District 2, to serve as the
17 Trustee from Councilmanic District 2, and Ishani Gandhi, a County resident, to serve as
18 the at-large Trustee, for 3-year terms expiring June 19, 2025, beginning upon final
19 appointment by the AACPL Board of Trustees; and be it further;
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21 *Resolved,* That it confirms the re-nominations of Laura Ellis (formerly Laura Brown),
22 a resident of Councilmanic District 1, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District
23 1; Joseph Robert Sapp, III, Ed.D., a resident of Councilmanic District 3, to serve as the
24 Trustee from Councilmanic District 3; James Estep, a resident of Councilmanic District
25 4, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District 4; M. Brooke Toomey, a resident of
26 Councilmanic District 5, to serve as the Trustee from Councilmanic District 5; and Mary
27 Catherine Belcher, a resident of Councilmanic District 7, to serve as the Trustee from
28 Councilmanic District 7, all for three-year terms expiring June 19, 2025, beginning upon
29 final appointment by the AACPL Board of Trustees; and be it further
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31 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;
32 William A. Shorter, Jr., Chair, AACPL Board of Trustees; Laura Ellis, Faith Steele, Joseph
33 Robert Sapp, III, Ed.D., James Estep, M. Brooke Toomey, Mary Catherine Belcher, and
34 Ishani Gandhi, nominees; Matthew Power, Chief Administrative Officer; and Staci
35 Gorden, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

READ AND PASSED this 5th day of July, 2022.

By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 29-22 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa D. B. Rodvien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa D. B. Rodvien
Chair