



NEW CITY LIBRARY

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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW CITY LIBRARY
December 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Joseph Reiter, Vice President Agin Antony, Trustee
David Zuckerberg, Secretary Anthony Feliciano, Trustee
Phyllis Morena, Trustee
Jeffrey Sasson, Trustee

ABSENT: Victor Berger, President
Ralph Sabatini, Treasurer
Robert Axelrod, Trustee

STAFF: Marianne Silver, Director
Shibu Abraham, Finance/Facilities Manager
Kelly Corrado, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: None

I. INTRODUCTORY

a. Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Joseph Reiter. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

b. Public Comment:

Fred Sandner, a candidate for trustee, offered his congratulations to the incumbent board members—Ralph Sabatini, Jeffrey Sasson, and David Zuckerberg—on their re-election to the Board. Sandner expressed his appreciation for having been given the opportunity to run for trustee. As a long-term employee in the library field and an advocate of libraries, Sandner stated that it is natural for him to be interested in libraries. Sandner further stated that he had expected the outcome of the election and that the outcome showed the success of the current board.

David Zuckerberg expressed his hope that Sandner will continue his interest in the New City Library and offer his assistance in the future.

Joseph Reiter congratulated Sandner on the number of votes he had received and Reiter stated that Sandner had a very good showing for a first-time candidate.

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary David Zuckerberg presented the proposed *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 17, 2016*, for acceptance.

- Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Agin Antony, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 17, 2016*.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#1-12/2016)

III. REPORTS

a. Personnel and Finance Committee (R. Sabatini, chair):

i. Personnel:

No report was offered due to Ralph Sabatini's absence.

ii. Financial Report of November 30, 2016, and Warrant #5:

In Ralph Sabatini's absence, Shibu Abraham reported that the warrant is high for the month because of a one-time retirement annual payout.

Abraham presented the *Financial Report of November 30, 2016*, and *Warrant #5* for approval.

- Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Anthony Feliciano, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve *Warrant #5* in the amount of \$674,369.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#2-12/2016)

b. Building and Grounds Committee (J. Sasson, chair):

i. Long Term Planning:

Jeffrey Sasson stated that there was not much to be discussed for building and grounds since recent projects have now come to closure. Sasson added

that the design needs for building renovation should be addressed in the very near future and that the Board should begin the initial stages of researching architects, consultants, etc., so that an agenda can follow.

David Zuckerberg commented that he often has the opportunity to attend children’s programming with his grandchild but that the space utilized for such programming is grossly inadequate. He suggested that before major renovations are considered building-wide, an update to the Storytime Room be addressed so that the Library can offer an adequate space in which the patrons can enjoy the great programming offered by *Children’s Services*.

ii. Parking Lot Paving:

Phyllis Morena congratulated the Board, Shibu Abraham, and the *Building & Grounds Committee* on a job very well done on the *Parking Lot Paving Project*.

c. Policy and Planning Committee (P. Morena, chair):

Phyllis Morena reported that the Committee did not meet this month; therefore, she had no report to offer.

d. Ad Hoc Committees:

i. Liaison to the Friends of the New City Library (R. Axelrod, chair):

No report was offered due to Robert Axelrod’s absence.

ii. Legal Affairs of the New City Library (J. Reiter, chair):

Joseph Reiter reported that he is working on a waiver for a program.

iii. Patio Paver Fundraiser Project (R. Axelrod, chair):

In Robert Axelrod’s absence, Administrative Assistant Kelly Corrado reported that twenty-five pavers have been purchased for the *Patio Paver Fundraiser Project*. The *December 2016 Report to Committee Chair* reflects this number; however, since the *Report* was prepared, an additional paver has been purchased, with a grand total of twenty-six pavers purchased thus far.

iv. Nominating Committee (J. Reiter, chair):

Reiter reported that the trustee election resulted in the following candidate votes:

- 164 votes for David Zuckerberg
- 154 votes for Ralph Sabatini
- 150 votes for Jeffrey Sasson
- 107 votes for Fred Sandner

Reiter thanked Fred Sandner for running for trustee and expressed his hope that Sandner will have future involvement with the Library and the Board. Reiter congratulated Sandner on the large number of votes Sandner received.
President (V. Berger):

No report was offered due to Victor Berger’s absence.

i. Budget Vote:

In the absence of Victor Berger, Joseph Reiter reported that the budget vote passed with 375 votes in favor and 88 votes against.

Reiter commented that it is good reflection on the current Board that the budget passed overwhelmingly and that the three incumbent trustees were re-elected.

e. Director (M. Silver):

Marianne Silver had no further comments to add to her *Director’s Report*; however, Silver stated that the first batch of pavers were ready for engraving. She expressed concern that the installation of the pavers may be delayed due to the cold weather.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board Communications:

No board communications were received this month; therefore, David Zuckerberg had nothing to report.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Anthony Feliciano, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#3-12/2016)

The Board entered into *Executive Session* at 7:14 p.m.

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Upon motion made by Jeffrey Sasson and duly seconded by Agin Antony, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board adjourn the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#4-12/2016)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by David Zuckerberg, Secretary
Board of Trustees
NEW CITY LIBRARY
December 23, 2017

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MOTIONS

(RM#1-12/2016) Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Agin Antony, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 17, 2016.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#1-12/2016)

(RM#2-12/2016) Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Anthony Feliciano, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve Warrant #5 in the amount of \$674,369.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#2-12/2016)

(RM#3-12/2016) Upon motion made by David Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Anthony Feliciano, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#3-12/2016)

(RM#4-12/2016) Upon motion made by Jeffrey Sasson and duly seconded by Agin Antony, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by all those present (Robert Axelrod, Victor Berger, and Ralph Sabatini absent). (RM#4-12/2016)