

(APPROVED 01/19/23)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEW CITY LIBRARY

December 22, 2022 (7 p.m.)
(Rescheduled from 12/15/22)
(New City Library Express, 198 S. Main St., New City, NY)

PRESENT: Victor Berger, President

David Zuckerberg, Vice-President

Denis O'Hanlon, Treasurer

Robert Axelrod, Associate Treasurer

Phyllis Morena, Trustee

Patricia Ranieri, Trustee (via mobile)

Jeffrey Sasson, Trustee Patricia Voce, Trustee

ABSENT: Lisa Coughlin, Secretary

Kelly Corrado, Administrative Assistant

STAFF: Marianne Gallagher, Library Director

Shibu Abraham, Facilities and Finance Manager

I. INTRODUCTORY

a. Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

II. MINUTES

Due to the absence of Secretary Coughlin, President Berger presented to the Board for acceptance the *Minutes* of the previous month's meeting.

• Upon motion made by Voce and duly seconded by O'Hanlon, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 17, 2022.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#1-12/2022)

III. REPORTS

- a. <u>Personnel and Finance Committee (O'Hanlon, Chair)</u>:
 - i. <u>Financial Report and Warrant</u>:

Treasurer O'Hanlon reported that the Library's expenditures (\$633,023) were higher this month due to the annual payout to the *New York State Employees Retirement System* (\$261,000) and due to three paycheck cycles occurring during the month, instead of the regular two paycheck cycles. The *Warrant* also includes renovation fees (\$828,614).

O'Hanlon presented to the Board for approval last month's *Warrant*.

• Upon motion made by O'Hanlon and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve Warrant #5 in the amount of \$1,461,637.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#2-12/2022)

ii. Transfer of Funds to PCSB Bank Capital Account:

O'Hanlon reported that the as part of the terms to obtain the construction loan from *PCSB Bank*, the Library will be changing its banking institution from *Chase Bank* to *PCSB Bank* incrementally and will need to transfer \$1,000,000 at this time from *Chase* to *PCSB*.

• Upon motion made by O'Hanlon and duly seconded by Sasson, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the immediate transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Chase Invoice Account to the PCSB Bank Capital Account.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#3-12/2022)

• Upon motion made by O'Hanlon and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve PCSB Bank as its banking institution and approve the transfer of funds incrementally from the Chase Invoice Account to the PCSB Bank Capital Account.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#4-12/2022)

iii. Annual Staff Meeting:

O'Hanlon presented to the Board for approval the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the *Annual Staff Meeting*.

• Upon motion made by O'Hanlon and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the Annual Staff Meeting.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#5-12/2022)

iv. <u>Personnel Matters</u>:

O'Hanlon reported that the *Committee* recommends the hiring of the following individual beginning January 17:

- o Deborah Guerra, Librarian I, Children's Services
- Upon motion made by O'Hanlon and duly seconded by Morena, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board appoint Deborah Guerra to the position of Librarian I in Children's Services.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#6-12/2022)

O'Hanlon further reported that the *Committee* recommends filling a second open position of *Librarian I, Children's Services*, beginning June 1.

• Upon motion made by Sasson and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board approve filling the open position of Librarian I in Children's Services on June 1.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent). (RM#7-12/2022)

b. Building and Grounds Committee (Sasson, Chair):

i. <u>Construction Expenditures</u>:

Sasson suggested that the Board review the construction expenses, thus far, at the next Board meeting.

ii. <u>Makerspace and The Park Proposed Plans</u>:

Sasson commented that the future *Makerspace* and outdoor *Park* lack sufficient vision and planning. A lengthy discussion followed.

c. Policy and Planning Committee (Morena, Chair):

Morena had nothing to report.

d. <u>Legal Affairs Committee (Ranieri, Chair)</u>:

Ranieri had nothing to report.

e. Ad Hoc Committees:

i. <u>Election Committee: Trustee Election 2022 (Coughlin, Chair)</u>:

Due to Coughlin's absence, Director Gallagher reported that the following candidates were elected:

- o Resident James Ferguson
- o Incumbent Jeffrey Sasson
- o Incumbent Patricia Voce

On behalf of the Board, President Berger congratulated James Ferguson on his win for election to the Board.

f. President's Report (Berger):

President Berger had nothing to report.

g. <u>Director's Report (Gallagher)</u>:

In addition to her written *Director's Report*, Director Gallagher reminded the Board that the *Collective Bargaining Agreement* expires on June 30.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. <u>Budget Vote (O'Hanlon, Chair)</u>:

O'Hanlon reported on the following:

o The Budget passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board Communications (Coughlin, Secretary):

Due to Coughlin's absence, there was no report.

b. Zuckerberg Farewell Thanks:

Vice-President Zuckerberg expressed his gratitude, honor, and privilege to the Board for having served his community during his nine-year term. On behalf of the Board, President Berger thanked Zuckerberg for his dedicated service.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

• Upon motion made by Zuckerberg and duly seconded by Voce, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board adjourn the meeting.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, absent; Ranieri and Axelrod not present for the vote due to their early departures (8:12 p.m. and 8:14 p.m., respectively). (RM#8-12/2022)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Coughlin, Secretary Board of Trustees NEW CITY LIBRARY January 12, 2023 LC/kc