

CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 9, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jennie Owens, Joseph Tortorelli, Robert Weil, James Clarke, Sam Cass, Linda Devlin. County Counsel: Ilene Lampitt. Staff: Jennifer Druce, Antonella Kressel, Lauren Callahan, Barbara DelPidio.

The regular meeting of the Camden County Library Commission was held in compliance with Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-12.

Commissioner Owens presented a proclamation to Joseph Gazzara in recognition of his retirement and 25 years of service to the Camden County Library System.

Ms. Devlin thanked Joseph for his hard work and dedication throughout the Library system.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Resolution #21-21 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to open the meeting to the public and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cass. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to accept the minutes for the February 2021 regular meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke. The regular minutes for February 2021, was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the financial statements for January 2021; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil and Resolution #22-21, approving the financial statements for January 2021, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for February 2021; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke and Resolution #23-21, approving the bills and vouchers for February 2021, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for February 2021, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke and Resolution #24-21, approving the appointments and resignations for February 2021, was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library is making plans to reopen to residents the week of April 12. There will be open building hours every day, Monday through Saturday. Additionally, no contact pickup will be offered from 10-8 Monday through Thursday and from 10-5 on Friday and Saturday. Library capacity will be at 35%, in accordance with the current Governor's Executive Order and patrons will be limited to one hour per day inside of Library buildings. The priority is to always keep staff and customers safe and balancing that safety with serving our communities in the fullest way possible.

Ms. Devlin provided information about the Build America's Libraries Act which would provide \$5 billion to repair, modernize, and construct library facilities in underserved and marginalized communities. The Act was introduced in the Senate on January 28, 2021 and in the House on March 3, 2021. If passed, the Act would provide funds to repair and construct modern library facilities in underserved and disadvantaged communities.

Associate Director Jennifer Druce presented a slideshow on Snap Shot Day, which is an annual event coordinated by the New Jersey State Library. Libraries throughout New Jersey take pictures and collect comments from customers and staff during the same time period. Pictures and quotes are used to illustrate and promote the value of libraries to their communities.

The Director's Report was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Second Quarter Temporary Budget: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to approve the 2021 second quarter temporary budget; Commissioner Cass seconded the motion and Resolution #25-21 was unanimously approved.

Pay to Play - Creative Library Concepts: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to authorize the non-fair and open contract with Creative Library Concepts in an amount not to exceed \$41,858.00; Commissioner Tortorelli seconded the motion and Resolution #26-21 was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PORTION:

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Clarke seconded the motion and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devlin, Director
March 10, 2021



Certified by _____ Date: 3/10/21
Linda Devlin, Director