

## **CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 13, 2023

LOCATION: M. Allan Vogelson Branch

PRESENT: Joseph Tortorelli, Suzanne Fox, Robert Weil, Pat Abusi, and Linda Devlin. County Counsel: Brandon Hawkins. Staff: Jennifer Druce, Antonella Kressel, and Lauren Callahan

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.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Weil. Resolution #092-23 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fox presented a motion to open the meeting to the public; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to accept the minutes for the October 2023 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abusi. The regular minutes for October 2023 were approved, Commissioner Tortorelli abstained.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to accept the financial statements for September 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil and Resolution #093-23, approving the financial statements for September 2023, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for October 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abusi and Resolution #094-23, approving the bills and vouchers for October 2023, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for October 2023, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil and Resolution #095-23, approving the appointments and resignations for October 2023, was unanimously approved.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Director Devlin informed the Commission that she is working with other County Library directors on a reciprocal borrowing agreement.

Director Devlin listed the "Just Do It Grant" projects for the upcoming year: Imaginative Play Space, Turkish language collection, circulating bakeware, lending collection for the CC Correctional Facility, teaching garden, STEAM supplies and a tower garden aeroponic system.

Associate Director Druce circulated photos of the recent facility improvements at our Ferry Avenue and Bellmawr locations.

Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the Director's Report; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fox and the Director's Report was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Operating Budget

Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Weil seconded the motion and Resolution 096-23 was unanimously approved.

2024 Holidays and Closings

Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Weil seconded the motion and Resolution 097-23 was unanimously approved.

2024 Library Commission Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Fox seconded the motion and Resolution 098-23 was unanimously approved.

Recommendation for Hire, Librarian 4, Branch Manager, M. Allan Vogelson Regional Branch, C. Orbanus

Commissioner Weil presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Fox seconded the motion and Resolution 099-23 was unanimously approved.

Add item of revenue and appropriation to the 2023 Budget, \$1,000.00 (RESOLUTION)

Commissioner Fox presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Weil seconded the motion and Resolution 100-23 was unanimously approved.

Increase the provision of Security Services at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch at Rutgers Camden pursuant to the Agreement between Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the County of Camden, and the Camden County Library Commission for Management of the Camden County Library at the Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers Camden

Commissioner Fox presented a motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion and Resolution 101-23 was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS:

The election committee, comprised of Commissioners Abusi and Weil, will bring nominations for officers for the 2024 calendar year to the December meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION: There is no public comment. Commissioner Fox presented a motion to move to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Weil seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to move to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Devlin, Director  
November 14, 2023



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Certified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Linda A. Devlin, Director**