

CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2023

LOCATION: M. Allan Vogelson Branch

PRESENT: Joseph Tortorelli, Suzanne Fox, Robert Weil, Pat Abusi, Charlene Burd, Earl Davis, Debra Kendall, Linda Devlin. County Counsel: Brandon Hawkins. Staff: 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.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Fox. Resolution #75-23 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, was unanimously approved.

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

MINUTES: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to accept the minutes for the August 2023 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. The regular minutes for August 2023 were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to accept the financial statements for July 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and Resolution #76-23, approving the financial statements for July 2023, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for August 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fox and Resolution #77-23, approving the bills and vouchers for August 2023, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for August 2023, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abusi and Resolution #78-23, approving the appointments and resignations for August 2023, was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ms. Devlin announced that The "All Together Now" Summer Reading program has completed. Over 1,800 people participated in Summer Reading this year, an increase over last year's participation. Participants read 581,017 minutes, or over 4,800 hours. Ms. Devlin acknowledged all the Youth Services staff in the system for another successful Summer Reading program.

Ms. Devlin announced that new carpeting and vinyl tile is currently being installed at the Ferry Avenue Branch.

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library and the Camden County Reentry Committee will host book discussions at several branches in September. The book to be discussed is *Better Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice, a Memoir and Call to Action* by Yusef Salaam.

Commissioner Abusi 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:

NEW BUSINESS:

Add Title and Starting Rate to the CWA Local 1014 Supervisory Unit Bargaining Unit Agreement, Supervising Library Assistant +: Commissioner Fox presented a motion to add title and starting rate to the CWA Local 1014 Supervisory Unit Bargaining Unit Agreement, Supervising Library Assistant +; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and Resolution #79-23 was unanimously approved.

Reclassification, C. Entwisle, Supervising Library Assistant +: Commissioner Davis presented a motion to approve the reclassification, C. Entwisle, Supervising Library Assistant +; Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion and Resolution #80-23 was unanimously approved.

Add item of revenue and appropriation to the 2023 Literacy Budget, DOL Adult Basic Skills Grant, \$105,000.00: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to Add item of revenue and appropriation to the 2023 Literacy Budget, DOL Adult Basic Skills Grant in the amount of \$105,000.00; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion and Resolution #81-23 was unanimously approved.

Play to Play- EBSCO Information Services, LLC., \$35,106.32: This has been tabled until the October 2023 Library Commission Meeting.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS: Commissioners Abusi, Weil and Fox will form the budget committee. A date in late October will be scheduled.

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 Kendall seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Devlin, Director
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Certified by _____ Date: _____
Linda A. Devlin, Director