

**CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 9, 2021

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

PRESENT: Jennie Owens, Joseph Tortorelli, Robert Weil, James Clarke, Sam Cass, Pat Abusi, 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.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Resolution #9-21 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 January 2021 regular meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil. The regular minutes for January 2021, was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to accept the financial statements for December 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tortorelli and Resolution #10-21, approving the financial statements for December 2020, was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Owens tabled the financial statements for January 2021; the financial statements for January 2021 will be presented at the March 2021 Regular Library Commission Meeting.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for January 2021; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke and Resolution #11-21, approving the bills and vouchers for January 2021, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for January 2021, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke and Resolution #12-21, approving the appointments and resignations for January 2021, was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library has two new digital products, Brainfuse and Black Freedom Struggle in the United States: Challenges and Triumphs in the Pursuit of Equality.

Brainfuse provides real-time homework help and tutoring. There is also live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, US Citizenship Prep, MS Office skills and more. Brainfuse is provided to New Jersey libraries through Federal CARES Act funds received from the New Jersey State Library.

Black Freedom Struggle in the United States is a Proquest database featuring primary sources from the 1790's to the present in areas such as civil rights, segregation, slavery and the abolitionist movement and contemporary legal cases. People will find historical newspaper articles, pamphlets, diaries, correspondence and more from specific time periods in U.S. history.

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library is offering a selection of virtual programming in February for Black History Month.

Ms. Devlin announced that renovations at the Vogelson Branch continue. In the past month, more furniture and window coverings have been installed.

Ms. Devlin announced that online resources were used heavily in January with over 24,600 views/checkouts/searches.

Ms. Devlin announced that online events attendance remained high in January. Over 2,400 residents attended online programs and classes.

Ms. Devlin announced that Literacy regularly holds seven virtual ESL and Basic Literacy classes and just completed a six week Family Literacy class.

Associate Director Jennifer Druce updated the Commission on the following services:

The Library continues with no contact curbside pickup. In January, we added 263 new card holders.

The Food Bank of South Jersey is continuing to serve meals at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez, Ferry Avenue, Gloucester Township and South County Branches. With a greater need for food on weekends, the Library has coordinated with the Food Bank to have the food distributed on Fridays.

The Merchantville Branch has received new phones.

The South County Branch has removed a counter that was not in use and is creating a new teen area in that space.

The Director's Report was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Pay to Play – Baker & Taylor, Inc.: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to authorize the Non-fair and Open Contract with Baker & Taylor, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$341,516; Commissioner Tortorelli seconded the motion and Resolution #13-21 was unanimously approved.

Pay to Play - Midwest Tapes: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to authorize the non-fair and open contract with Midwest Tapes in an amount not to exceed \$387,000; Commissioner Cass seconded the motion and Resolution #14-21 was unanimously approved.

Pay to Play - Overdrive/DLR: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to authorize the non-fair and open contract with Overdrive/DLR in an amount not to exceed \$17,500; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion and Resolution #15-21 was unanimously approved.

Reclassification, from BMW to Sr. BMW: Commissioner Cass presented a motion to approve the provisional reclassification of Erika Negrón, to the title of Senior Building Maintenance Worker, effective February 21, 2021; Commissioner Clarke seconded the motion and Resolution #16-21 was unanimously approved.

Reclassification, from BMW to Sr. BMW: Commissioner Cass presented a motion to approve the provisional reclassification of Zulma Rivera-Martínez, to the title of Senior Building Maintenance Worker, effective February 21, 2021; Commissioner Tortorelli seconded the motion and Resolution #17-21 was unanimously approved.

2018 State Aid Appropriation Transfers: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to authorize the 2018 State Aid Appropriation Transfers from account 030-8892-651-9004 in the amount of \$3,285 to 030-8892-651-3020; Commissioner Tortorelli seconded the motion and Resolution #18-21 was unanimously approved.

2019 State Aid Appropriation Transfers: Commissioner Tortorelli presented a motion to authorize the 2019 State Aid Appropriation Transfers from account 030-8972-651-9002, 9003, 9004, 9007, 9216, 9218, 9219, 9220, 9221 and 9223 in the amount of \$7,818 to 030-8972-651-3020; Commissioner Cass seconded the motion and Resolution #19-21 was unanimously approved.

Add item of revenue and appropriation to the 2021, Vogelson Youth Club: Commissioner Cass presented a motion to add item of revenue and appropriation to the 2021 budget in the amount of \$100.00 for programming; Commissioner Clarke seconded the motion and Resolution #20-21 was unanimously approved

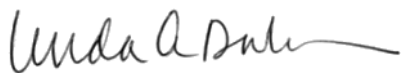
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PORTION:

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Cass 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
February 11, 2021



Certified by _____

Linda Devlin, Director

Date: _____

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