

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
June 19, 2017

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Present: John N. Barry, Bob Harris, Allen Hoffman, Judge Michael Sheldon, Sandy Ruoff, Mary Etter, Jay Johnston

Members absent: Comm. Dianna Wentzell, Matt Poland, Alison Clemens, Justice Andrew McDonald

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Dawn La Valle, Robert Kinney, Lizette Pelletier, LeAnn Power, (State Library), Stephen Cauffman (State Library & deliverIT Task Force), Melissa Canham-Clyne (Clark Memorial Library (Bethany) /deliverIT Task Force), Carl DiMilia (Bibliomation), John A. Cayer (Fairfield University), Alan Kirk Gray (Darien Library), Kristi Sadowski (Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, Coventry), Douglas Lord (Plainville Public Library), Martha Church (West Hartford Public Library), Leslie McDonough (Mansfield Public Library), Chris Hemingway (Hagaman Memorial Library, East Haven), Lisa Karim (Simsbury Public Library), Glenn Grube (Avon Free Public Library), Sue Smayda (Southington Public Library/LCI), Pat Rutkowski (New Britain Public Library), Kate Byroade (Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester), Bridget Quinn-Carey (Hartford Public Library), Mary Hogan (Cora J. Belden Library, Rocky Hill), Alan Hagyard (LION), Richard Conroy (Essex Library), Maria Tonelli (New Haven Free Public Library), Jennifer Keohane (CLC), Jeanette Francini (deliverIT Task Force)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairperson John N. Barry.

MINUTES

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It was MOVED (J. Johnston) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2017 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with 3 abstentions (M. Etter, M. Sheldon, A. Hoffman).

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Barry stated that since the Board's next meeting will include an election of officers, he would like to add the Nominating Committee to the agenda as item D. It was MOVED (J. Johnston) seconded (A. Hoffman) TO ADD THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO THE MEETING AGENDA AS ITEM D. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

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John stated that he would like the members of the deliverIT Task Force to be heard first. Jeanette Francini and Melissa Canham-Clyne each read a prepared statement giving a history of the delivery system, explaining the work of the Task Force and how recommendations in the deliverIT Implementation Plan were reached.

The following individuals spoke during the Public Comment portion of the Board meeting:.

Jeanette Francini, deliverIT Task Force member / Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington
Melissa Canham-Clyne, deliverIT Task Force member / Clark Memorial Library, Bethany
Maria Tonelli, deliverIT Task Force member / New Haven Free Public Library

John Cayer, deliverIT Task Force member / Fairfield University
 Sue Smayda, Southington Public Library
 Christopher Hemingway, Hagan Memorial Library, East Haven
 Kristi Sadowski, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, Coventry
 Pat Rutkowski, New Britain Public Library
 Kate Byroade, Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester
 Douglas Lord, Plainville Public Library
 Martha Church, West Hartford Public Library
 Leslie McDonough, Mansfield Library
 Lisa Karim, Simsbury Public Library
 Glenn Grube, Avon Free Public Library
 Alan Hagyard, Libraries Online (LION)
 Bridget Quinn Carey, Hartford Public Library
 Allen Kirk Gray, Darien Library
 Jennifer Keohane, Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC)
 Susan Phillips, Ellington Public Library
 Stephen Cauffman, State Library / deliverIT Task Force member

The prepared statements of these speakers will be attached to the minutes and included in the permanent record of the meeting's proceedings.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin reported that in the last few weeks, the State Library has developed and submitted grant applications to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

We are getting to the end of the fiscal year and the State Library is on track to end the year slightly in the black. Ken noted that the Department of Administrative Services business unit staff have been extremely helpful. Ken will have a full budget report for the Board at their next meeting in September.

Ken informed the Board that at the request of Deputy Secretary of the State Scott Bates, he and John Barry met with Shannon Wegele, Chief of Staff in Secretary of the State Denise Merrill's office. Shannon discussed a draft Memorandum of Understanding and suggested change in statute that would lead to placing the State Library under the Secretary of the State. Ken stated that he is feeling cautious and doesn't think there is a need to rush into anything. He is willing to work with the Office of the Secretary of the State over the summer to bring a recommendation back to the Board in September. Ken also requested that Shannon set up a meeting with staff in the Governor's office to discuss the matter.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Glenn Grube stated that he is now President of CLA and Kate Byroade is President-elect. He offered CLA's assistance for the deliverIT matter if it is needed.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): No report at this time.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Jennifer Keohane, Executive Director, reported that CLC is working on renewals for next year. The annual meeting will be held on June 22, at the Library Wine Bar and Bistro in Wallingford. Jennifer announced that she is pleased to welcome Alena Principato as CLC's new Member Relations Manager.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): No report at this time.

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 CLA

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ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): No report at this time.

FOCL

OLD BUSINESS

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Budget Update

Budget Update: Ken stated that there is still no budget for the next biennium and that he has received little instruction on how agencies will operate, should there be no budget on July 1. If there is a big impact, Ken will request that the Board meet before the regularly scheduled September 18 meeting. Although there is a severe hiring freeze, Ken is trying to fill the Fiscal Administrator vacancy.

Legislative Update: None.

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deliverIT CT Sustainability Task Force Implementation Plan: John thanked everyone in the audience for coming and for presenting their views to the Board. He thanked the deliverIT Task Force for the time and consideration put into the plan before everyone today. John also thanked the State Library Board members for their time and concern about this matter and assured everyone that it's the Board's desire to handle this in a fair manner.

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Mary Etter MOVED that the vote to implement the State Library Delivery Service plan be delayed to the September meeting so that it can be tested and allow more conversation. The motion was seconded (S. Ruoff). John asked Mary what would happen meanwhile. Mary is hoping that this discussion would answer that. Ken thanked the Task Force and everyone for expressing their views on this matter. He stated that until we implement the plan we won't have any answers and urged that the State Library be allowed to move forward with the 5 day a week/ 3 bins per day proposal. The Task Force recommended a re-evaluation in November and that could be moved to September if necessary. Ken made it clear that the State Library is willing to collaborate with the supplemental vendor. Jay Johnston stated that he is very impressed with the civility of the discussion and understands that this is a significant part of library business. He suggested that this matter be tabled. Judge Sheldon feels that the delivery usage is seasonal and that the academic libraries' usage of the delivery will be different from the public libraries' usage through the summer. He feels re-evaluating the plan in November would be better for this reason. He proposed that there be a friendly amendment to look at the plan again in November. Sandy stated that she does not feel she can accept a friendly amendment. Ken agrees that November would provide more time to experience the new system. John wants information communicated on what the drivers will do. Ken stated that he and Dawn will be accepting and working with questions and concerns. Mary stated that she would like to build in a mechanism to have input in this process so that things don't become unchangeable. Jay requested that a weekly update be communicated. Ken said the plan is to continually monitor the process and make adjustments as needed within the goals that have been recommended and that he will make regular reports to the library community.

Motion

After some discussion which included having the State Library move forward with a trial of the implementation plan, it was MOVED (M. Etter) TO WITHDRAW HER MOTION TO DELAY THE PLANS APPROVAL UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Motion

It was MOVED TO TABLE THE VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DELIVERIT CT TASK FORCE PROPOSAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR STATEWIDE DELIVERY SERVICE UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (M. Sheldon) TO SUSPEND THE GUIDELINES FOR DELIVERIT CT MADE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2016. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Nominations Committee: John stated that an election of State Library Board officers will take place at the September 18 meeting. Jay Johnston serves as the Nominating Committee Chair. If any Board member would like to be on the Nominating Committee, please let Jay know.

Nominations
Committee

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the State Library's Reading Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder