

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
February 24, 2020

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Members present: Mary Etter, Alison Clemens, John N. Barry, Allen Hoffman,
Bob Harris, Justice Steven Ecker, Judge Henry Cohn,
Melissa Wlodarczyk-Hickey

Members absent: Sandy Ruoff, Diane Brown, Justice Steve Ecker

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Dawn La Valle, Robert
Kinney, Carol Trinchitella, Kris Abery, Frank Calvi, Mel Smith
(State Library)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Mary Etter.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session: Mary Etter stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to continue the discussion of the State Librarian search. Mary asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. It was MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

The Board moved to the State Librarian's office for privacy during Executive Session. Justice Ecker participated in the Executive Session portion of the meeting via speaker phone.

At 1:25 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Designation of a Professional Search Firm to Conduct Search for State Librarian or Reestablish the Search Committee: It was immediately MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR ALISON CLEMENS, TO RESEARCH FUNDING AVAILABLE WITHIN THE STATE LIBRARY'S PERSONNEL LINES TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH THE IDENTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF STATE LIBRARIAN AND TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AVAILABLE SEARCH FIRM WHOSE WORK COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THAT FINANCIAL LIMIT. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Mary stated that although Justice Ecker and Judge Cohn are no longer at the meeting, they were both in agreement to this motion during Executive Session.

Appointment of Interim State Librarian: It was immediately MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS INTERIM STATE LIBRARIAN FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD APPROVAL. DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE FINALIZED UPON RECEIPT OF STATE GUIDELINES AND DETERMINATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING AND THE FULL BOARD WILL BE APPRISED OF PROGRESS ON THIS PROJECT VIA A VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE PERIOD UNTIL THE NEW STATE LIBRARIAN BEGINS WORK, THE BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MUST APPROVE ANY HIRING OF CSL STAFF AND ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN POLICIES OR PROCEDURES REGARDING STATE LIBRARY SERVICES. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

With no other business to come before the Board, at 1:30 p.m. it was MOVED (J. Barry) TO ADJOURN.

Motion

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder