

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
Held via Teams
September 27, 2021

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Members joining via Teams:

Mary Etter, Sandy Ruoff, Alison Clemens, Bob Harris,
Maureen Sullivan, Judge Henry Cohn, Melissa Wlodarczyk-
Hickey, Allen Hoffman

Members absent: Justice Steven Ecker, John N. Barry

Others joining via Teams:

Deborah Schander, Dawn La Valle, Jane Beaudoin, (State
Library), Colleen Bailie (CLA), Jennifer Keohane (CLC),
Pamela Monahan (FOCL)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Mary Etter. Jane Beaudoin took roll call attendance of board members. Members of the public were also joining via Teams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mary Etter asked Allen Hoffman for a report of the Nominations Committee. Allen stated that a letter was sent to the Board members seeking nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the State Library Board. The current Chair and Vice Chair are not able to be considered because of term limitations. Only one inquiry from Maureen Sullivan was received. Allen thanked Maureen for her contributions to the State Library during her time as Interim State Librarian and expressed his appreciation for her willingness to serve as Chair. He asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being none, it was MOVED (B. Harris) and seconded (M. Etter) TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND NOMINATE MAUREEN SULLIVAN AS CHAIR FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 2022. The motion PASSED unanimously. Allen suggested that Maureen be given the duty to select the Vice Chair. It was decided that anyone interested in serving as Vice Chair should contact Maureen and the nomination will be voted on at the next regular meeting in November. The Board thanked both Mary Etter and Sandy Ruoff for their service as Chair and Vice Chair. The meeting was turned over to the new Chair, Maureen Sullivan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MINUTES

It was MOVED (S. Ruoff) and seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE July 26, 2021, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

MINUTES
Motion

BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maureen Sullivan thanked both Mary and Sandy for their service and leadership in their roles as Chair and Vice Chair. The entire Board was in agreement and expressed their appreciation.

BOARD COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary thanked the Board members for the past 3 years of collaboration. Sandy also thanked the Board and noted her appreciation to Mary for her service as Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Deborah stated that the State Library recently awarded four grants to support digital navigator pilots at East Hartford Public Library, Ferguson Library in Stamford, Hamden Public Library, and Hartford Public Library.

She updated the Board on the explosion at the Pump House in Hartford. The State Library is one of the state buildings being impacted by the explosion. The Department of Administrative Services is involved with resolving this situation. There is a temporary chiller at the Pump House and also one in the parking lot at the State Library. They are in the process of installing temporary boilers for hot water. Completion of repairs will take some time.

Outreach news includes State Library staff member Kevin Johnson being featured on the latest episode of State Historian Walt Woodward's podcast, Grating the Nutmeg. They discussed Kevin's roles as William Webb and Jordan Freeman.

Deborah updated the Board on the conservation of the Royal Charter. It has been a slow process but State Library staff are working on logistics.

Melissa Hickey stated that she finds the written State Librarian Reports very informative and appreciates learning about the things the State Library staff are doing.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Colleen Bailie, President, reported that CLA has filled some committee vacancies. The Connecticut Information Literacy Conference is going forward with having their own conference separate from CLA. CLA has changed their insurance provider to make sure they are properly covered on all events and have Officers and Director's insurance. The CLA Annual Conference will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center on May 3-4, 2022. The theme will be Back to the Future. The Fall workshops have started with some still being finalized. There will be a Compensation Benchmarks information session on October 21, 2021 which will give an overview of the project.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Dawn La Valle reported that ACLPD has a new Chair, Karen Tatarka, Director of the Weston Public Library.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Jennifer Keohane, Executive Director, stated that CLC has a major bid for books in print. The book bid should be in place by the end of the calendar year. CLC will be having a professional development day with outside speaker Monica Burns talking about virtual

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

**OTHER REPORTS
CLA**

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CLC

teaching. CLC is hiring for a member relations position. The search to fill the Executive Director position is underway and there should be interviews scheduled soon. Jennifer's last meeting with the State Library Board will be in November.

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

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Pamela Monahan reported that the Friends annual meeting took place both in person and via Zoom. Unfortunately the Fall program has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Many Friends groups are again having book sales and their bookstores are re-opening. Friends are working on revising their handbook and are also reviewing their By-laws.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Deborah stated that we are coming up on the end of the quarter and the State Library continues to be careful with spending. We are working on mid-term adjustments. Deborah sent a letter to the Office of Policy and Management stating that the State Library is requesting no budget reductions.

Legislative Update: There is no report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no New Business at this time.

There was discussion on in-person meetings. Deborah stated that the Department of Administrative Service Covid-19 Guidelines are strongly discouraging in-person meetings. This is something that can be revisited in November if anything changes.

With no other matters to come before the Board, at 1:35 pm it was MOVED (B. Harris) and seconded (S. Ruoff) TO ADJOURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. and will be held via Teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Schander, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

ACLB

Friends

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update

Legislative Update

NEW BUSINESS

None

Motion